



■ **SPARKLING:** Southhill fireworks display took place on Saturday evening, as the weather cleared after a day of wind and rain. The face of Amy Lainsbury, who was there with her dad Tim, says it all. More photos and story on pages 6 & 7.

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Tesco threatens to pull out of Portland

by Harry Walton

PORTLAND came close to losing its new Tesco supermarket after the store giant said it would pull out unless the council allowed it to sell newspapers and magazines.

Planners finally voted 8-3 to vary conditions attached to the scheme to permit such sales, but some councillors were not happy at Tesco's "threatening" stance.

The decision by Weymouth and Portland's planning committee – which went against council officers' advice – came after a polarisation of views.

Members heard that 164 letters had been sent to the council objecting to any relaxation of the condition banning the new Tesco from selling newspapers and magazines, a restriction imposed two months ago on the advice of consultants.

Furious objectors claimed that lifting it would not only hit local shops but potentially open the floodgates for future Tesco applications for things such as a pharmacy, something the store denied.

Supporters said Portland faced ridicule if its Tesco was the only one nationally with a newspaper sales ban, but Tesco went even further and said it was a case of – no permission, no store.

Paddy Fox, director of developers Chelverton, said that if councillors agreed to relax the restriction then the store would go ahead and be open by November 2010.

But he warned: "Without it Tesco will not open and they will not trade."

Planning chairman Councillor Peter Farrell strongly supported lifting the ban and said: "Are we seriously being asked to believe that granting permission for such sales will decimate all the local paper shops?"

Councillor Christine James said she found it hard to believe that selling a few newspapers could affect the vitality of Easton while Councillor John Nash agreed and said: "There are 220 jobs at stake here."

But Councillor Margaret Leicester claimed she had warned from the start that

Tesco would get development permission and then immediately try to change restrictive conditions.

She added: "We seem to be being threatened that if Tesco don't get what they want they will go."

Councillor John Birtwistle agreed and said: "I refuse to believe that the viability of a supermarket depends on being able to sell magazines and newspapers and I certainly don't like being told that if we don't relax this condition then Tesco will throw their toys out of the pram and not come here."

Councillor Geoff Petherick said the supermarket would represent 10 per cent of employment on Portland and lead to the island having one of the lowest unemployment figures in the area.

Councillor Mark Tewkesbury said that if the condition was relaxed then remaining ones had to be nailed down hard "so we won't be sitting here in three years time discussing a filling station".

Members then approved the condition banning newspaper and magazine sales being relaxed.

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SINCE obtaining a sports management degree at Newcastle University, on the same course as Steve Cram, Nigel Williams has been managing leisure centres for over 20 years.

He joined the board at Boscawen/Osprey Leisure Centre in 2001 and has been involved in the operational management since 2007 when the centre opened to the public. Nigel has been in the manager's role since September.

He has recently been involved with establishing the Leisure Centre's Youth Club on Friday evenings, together with the Revive project's Nikki Billington and Jacky Brookes, catering for 11 to 16 year olds from 7.30pm to 10pm. Activities include swimming, streetdance, football, basketball table tennis and pool all for only £1, the evening finishing at 10pm.

■ WHY is sport important for young people?

Sport is crucial in building facets such as teamwork, discipline and even competition. The latter is sometimes regarded as taboo by many but once transferred into life in general, competition is evident in all walks of life from sport itself to job interviews.

■ DO computer games deter young people from sport?

Speaking from first hand experience with our own lads, computer games seem to dominate far too much spare time and therefore can deter youngsters from many forms of exercise. Once people become more active they often turn their hand to sports so without these computer games I am sure we would have a far more healthy and active nation.

■ WHAT is the most popular sporting discipline at the leisure centre, and why do you think that is?

The most popular activity at Osprey Leisure Centre without doubt is swimming, for several reasons. Not only does it span the generations where grandparents often take children swimming with them but it helps with general fitness. It also helps many people to rehabilitate following injury or illness

■ HOW popular is the Friday youth club proving to be?

The new Friday youth club stems from the successful summer trial when up to 80 11 to 16 year-olds used the centre for swimming, football, streetdance, table tennis and pool. We have only had one week since we started afresh and initial interest is very encouraging despite the awful weather last weekend! At least the children could stay dry for just £1 for the evening.

■ WHO would you most like to play a round of golf with?

Although I would have liked a game with Seve Ballesteros because he was amazing at getting out of troublesome situations like I often find myself in, I think I would have to say Tiger Woods these days. What an international superstar.



■ WHAT do you like about working on Portland?

It's absolutely wonderful working for the local community as there is a great feeling of achievement, not only for me but the rest of the team, when we see local people benefiting from their local leisure centre being open for public use. From the time that we opened to the community in 2007 user visits have doubled to ap-

proximately 80,000 per year. It is particularly satisfying to see the older generation using the facility throughout the day and plenty of children making use of the activities after school and at the weekends.

■ WHICH three people from throughout history would you invite for a dinner party or a drink in the pub?

I would really enjoy the chance to talk to Richard Branson about his life story as he started with nothing as a student and must now be one of the most successful businessmen.

I would also have loved to have been in the company of Winston Churchill as, not only was he a wonderful leader when the going got tough, but to hear all of the memorable sayings he gets quoted for first-hand and to see if he had any more to add for history.

It would also be superb to meet Ian Botham to talk about his amazing sporting exploits, his charity work and his bad boy reputation when he was a player (but I wouldn't like to pay his bar bill at the end of it).

■ DO you prefer beach or adventure holidays? What would be your dream holiday?

These days I prefer a beach holiday linked to the odd game of tennis or golf. An adventure holiday, with the exception of skiing, would probably feel too much of a busman's holiday. My dream destination would be Australia where Sydney and the Great Barrier reef are 'must sees'.

■ IF you were stuck on a desert island, which three things would you want to take with you and why?

A Swiss army knife for obvious reasons of survival and utility; a solar powered mobile phone to tell everyone back home how good the weather was and thirdly Ant and Dec for when solitude became unbearable and I could shout, "I'm a survivor, get me out of here!"

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Home near tower backed

PLANNERS have backed a two-bedroom home being built near the Grade II listed coastguard station lookout tower off Westhill Road, Weymouth.

The scheme, which also includes the demolition of some outbuildings, attracted concern from objectors worried that the development might impact on the 1886 building which was "very rare nationally".

They claimed that the new structure paid "no regard to existing architecture" and that any development should be more sympathetic.

But members of Weymouth and Portland's planning committee heard that the design had made "significant progress" with council officers in an attempt to complement the look-out.

Bio fuel plans

REVISED plans for the controversial "green energy" plant on Portland will not be heard by councillors until next year.

Weymouth and Portland Borough Council planning and traffic committee, who had previously turned the proposals down, will not discuss the application until January 6th at the earliest.

The plan by W4BRE Limited for the eco bio-fuel plant adjoining Balaclava Bay could create up to 22 jobs for the area.

Plan to bring well paid jobs to the borough

by Harry Walton

WEYMOUTH and Portland are battling to increase local wage rates by attracting high paid new jobs.

The borough's pay levels are among the worst in the country and a special council report warns that the departing tide of local young talent will increase unless something is done.

Economic development spokesman Councillor Geoff Petherick has spent an entire year researching the growing problem, investigating possible solutions and talking to businesses.

He said: "I believe that the only way to get the wage rate up is to attract big businesses or divisions of big business which can offer their employees a high wage."

"I'm talking about the likes of international communications, software development and management consul-

tancy companies.

"We are also looking to attract creative media companies which do interactive television and high tech marine and green companies which are researching things such as wind and wave power generation."

Mr Petherick said a prime example of generating new jobs would come through schemes such as a new armour-plated troop carrier being developed in Weymouth and trialled at Bovington Camp.

He added: "Soldiers die in explosions because their bodies accelerate from nought to 1,000mph in a split second.

"This new carrier has a suspended floor and an angled base to deflect the blast, it has really interested defence experts and any official support once trials are complete is bound to have huge job benefits for the area.

"This is what we want. High end top quality well paid posts to keep South Dorset's top young talent gainfully employed in Weymouth, Portland and Dorchester."

All such business ideas, initiatives and projects together with a raft of suggestions are contained in a special report which is due to go before the council's management committee on December 1st.

Mr Petherick said: "I hope my colleagues will back this wide-ranging and vital approach towards attracting the type of jobs we so urgently need so local people can earn the level of wages they deserve."

Student ambassadors to visit China

STUDENTS from Weymouth College are to become ambassadors for the borough in a unique programme that will see them travel to China and the home of the 2008 Olympics.

Six students will be selected to take part in the The Student Ambassadors programme and will make the journey next year to visit their counterparts in China, to discuss the legacy for young people of hosting the Olympics.

The week's all-expenses paid trip will take the students to Qingdao, which hosted the 2008 Olympic watersports events, and Beijing amongst other places.

Students will then record a daily blog and video diaries charting their experiences of meeting people who played a key part in organising, as well as students who became volunteers during the 2008 Games.

The scheme is being led by Weymouth College's Deputy Principal Paul Lonsdale, and Emma Cogan, Director of Adult and Community Learning.

The programme will be incorporated into media studies, with the college's students tasked with motivating other students to join the programme using videos created in the department.

Mr Lonsdale said: "Young people should be at the heart of the Olympics. This ambassadors programme is all about encouraging our students to expand their horizons and challenge themselves."

"We want our students to feel proud of Weymouth and Portland as the focus of the world's attention in the watersports events and to realise that everyone can share in the Olympic dream without having to be a world class athlete."

Mr Lonsdale said he also

wanted the younger end of the community to have more of a say in how 2012 would improve their lives through the investments being made now.

The launch of the programme was marked by a visit from Grace Liang, a senior member of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Qingdao Municipal Government in China.

The visit, part of the borough's countdown to the 2012 Olympics, saw Mrs Liang talk to students about the legacy of the Olympics in her hometown which hosted the 2008 watersports events.

Weymouth College students will also give their views on the Olympic values of friendship, excellence, respect, equality, inspiration, determination and courage during a 1,000 Voices Project.

The project involves a student publishing a new thought on the website www.1000voices.org.uk each day.



■ OLYMPIC HOPEFULS: Some of the Weymouth College students hoping to visit Beijing next year as ambassadors of the borough.

Man rescued after cooker fire

A MAN was rescued from a burning building after quick thinking neighbours called the emergency services during an early evening house fire.

Fire crews from Weymouth and Portland were scrambled to Grosvenor Road, Portland, after Dorset Fire Rescue Service received an emergency call at

6.15pm on November 12th.

The incident is believed to have been caused by an unattended cooker. Steve Waller, District Commander for West Dorset said: "Dorset Fire and Rescue would like to praise the neighbours of this property who called 999 after hearing the smoke alarm."



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Rent a Christmas tree and avoid those needles!

CHARMINSTER tree surgeon Martin Cake has come up with the novel idea of people renting their Christmas tree and claims "A tree is for life, not just Christmas!"

Dubbed "The Christmas Tree Man", Martin is a passionate environmentalist and came up with the idea of renting then replanting Christmas trees as a way ensuring that one day not a single one will be thrown away after Christmas, and that they will all be returned to the ground.

He came up with the idea last year just selling locally but his scheme was picked up by Radio 2's Chris Evans who immediately purchased one and campaigned for others to do the same.

Martin explained: "We are the UK's only environmentally friendly Christmas Tree Service. When you rent a tree from us we will deliver it to your door.

It will come in a pot which keeps the tree alive. You will be given some feed to keep the tree healthy and when Christmas is over we will pick your tree up and return it to the ground where it will provide an ecosystem for wildlife and will con-

by Stuart Broom

tinue to convert carbon dioxide into oxygen and counteract global warming.

"If you want, we can label your tree so you get the same one each year. We have a special rooting system which prevents the trees growing taller too quickly but makes them bushier and healthier throughout the year. This means you can have the same tree for several years before it gets too tall. When the tree does become too tall for your home, it will go out again to schools or businesses and will eventually be given away to a worthy cause where it be kept alive for the rest of its natural life."

Helped by website designer Julian May of Westcountry Online Limited, the scheme has now gone online and the trees are sold nationally and are proving a great success.

Besides Evans and hundreds of others, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Royal Bank of Scotland and Westland Helicopters have purchased trees.

There are a range of trees to choose from starting at £49 for a 5ft Norwe-

gian Spruce and seems the ideal way of making sure you don't have the trouble of sweeping up all those needles after Christmas whilst doing your bit to help the environment.

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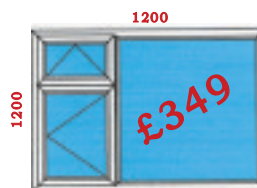
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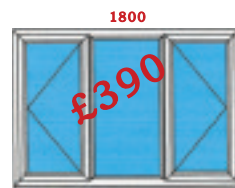
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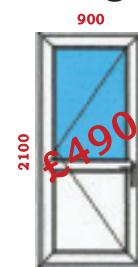
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Young people can stay in their homes, thanks to charity's support

by Paul Crompton

VULNERABLE young people living in Weymouth's supported housing no longer face eviction in the new year after a charity stepped in to take over the running of the vital service.

The doors of both Anvil Housing and Sanderson Housing will stay open following a decision by Dorset ADHD Support Group to take over the running of the two premises as of February 1st, 2010, after recognising an urgent need for the service.

The homes were set to close early next year but, thanks to the efforts of the voluntary organisation, the 21 young people currently living in the premises will now be able to stay on at the improved facilities.

Residents' spokesman Rosie Bennett, 17, said: "Everyone in the house is ecstatic about it. If it hadn't stayed open we would all have had to find new housing to live in, and January wasn't far off and everyone was worried for the new year.

"This place is great for people our age and in our situation. Living here makes us realise how lucky we are having a place like this to come to."

However, Ms Bennett was critical of Supporting People, the organisation that withdrew funding from the two premises, who, she said, had done nothing to help the 14 people at Sanderson House find new accommodation.

Dorset ADHD comprises of a committee made up solely of volunteers who provide support on a one-to-one basis and parent group meetings for those with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

As a charity the organisation will be able to access funding for the service through grants and applications from other big bodies and agencies.

Chairman for Dorset ADHD, Margaret Allsopp, said: "We have an absolute need for this in the borough, so the committee and charity discussed it because we have a high numbers of sufferers with ADHD.

"The charity has now become the landlords of the premises. Everyone that was there before will be able to stay on.

"It's going to be supported housing because some of the young people have quite complex needs.

"It was actually signed in August, but until the paper work and licensing process went through we didn't want to announce it.

"Through the training we provided to the housing associations we could see the impact the service had and the need for it."



■ **RELIEVED:** Rosie Bennett, centre (tenants' spokesperson) with other residents of Sanderson House.

CCTV comes to Portland

WORRIED residents will see anti-social behaviour and criminal activity addressed on Portland after CCTV cameras finally arrived on the island.

Police believe the new cameras, which cover two locations in Fortuneswell and Easton Square and gardens, will make a difference to both the prevention and detection of crime.

It is hoped the cameras will allay the fears of residents, following a recent survey which indicated islanders felt unsafe especially after dark.

Portland Mayor, Councillor Richard Paisley, said he hoped the cameras would help maintain people's confidence in the safety of their neighbourhoods.

"Portland has always been a very community orientated place to live, but crime is an increasing problem everywhere in today's society, so the installation of CCTV here on the island is a positive measure," he said.

"Although people may initially be wary of the new cameras, I can assure residents that their day to day privacy will not be compromised."

The borough council have so far handed over 2,700 images to police, who have used them to assist with



■ **COUNCILLOR Ian James** in the CCTV control room which will now be able to view areas in Portland to help cut down anti-social and criminal behaviour on the island.

finding a missing person or, as in 30 per cent of recorded incidents, deal with issues of public safety.

The move follows the achievements of Weymouth's CCTV cameras this summer, which included the successful prosecution of two men who carried out an horrific attack on a member of the public.

Weymouth and Portland Police Section Commander Inspector Peter

Metreau, acknowledged the installation of the cameras on Portland was well overdue.

"CCTV can make a difference to both the prevention and detection of crime," he said, adding: "I have no doubt that the installation of these cameras on Portland has added to the safety of both residents and visitors alike."

Councillor Ian James, Brief Holder for Community Safety, said it was important all residents of the

borough felt safe, especially those who may be elderly or vulnerable

"I believe that the installation of CCTV cameras on Portland is a positive step which will help give residents peace of mind," he said.

"Theft and violent crime in Weymouth is on the decline thanks to the installation of cameras in the town centre, and I look forward to seeing similar excellent results on Portland in the future."

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FAMILY AFFAIR: Organiser Jon Gabb (centre back) with brother and compere Paul and nephews Benjamin (left) and James Gabb.

A SPECTACULAR evening of fireworks and community fun in Weymouth was a huge success after organisers made a last minute decision to run the event despite weather warnings.

Thousands of people who attended Southill Fireworks were treated to a free display of the most spectacular fireworks in the event's 13-year history.

Started by Jon Gabb's father, Maurice, in his back garden, the event has spiralled into a huge community fundraiser.

This year the event also raised money for Weldmar Hospicecare Trust, which was chosen by Mr Gabb, as his dad who suffers from Parkinson's Disease, receives respite care at the Joseph Weld Hospice.

Mr Gabb, who waited until 5pm before deciding the event should go ahead, said: "I couldn't believe the weather cleared up. All day I was saying the wind will drop, and it did."

"It was an absolutely fantastic, absolutely brilliant show. People have said they cannot believe it gets better and better."

Mr Gabb said the challenge and the excitement of producing a fantastic show kept him going each year.

He continued: "I would like to thank everybody who was involved; they all know who they are, from litter-pickers to the fireworks team. And of course a thank you to all the spectators for supporting the event."



WINNING STREAK: Brothers Isaac and Joseph Vine won soft toys on the Kidz Are Us Southill Primary School stall.



SAFETY FIRST: Members of Weymouth Fire Fighters gave a chip pan fire demonstration whilst encouraging residents to visit the station for any fire safety advice.



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■ **SWEET** : Jess Hallett, Charlotte Blowers, Hannah Sheldon, Ash Hallett and Jacqueline Churchill helped raise funds selling home-made sweets and a raffle on behalf of Southill Youth Club.



■ **RAISING FUNDS**: Karen Evans, Lily Thomas, Carol Revill and Nathan Wallis from Friends of Southill School PTA sell home-made cakes.

Firework display words and photos by Paul Crompton



■ **CHARITY FUNDRAISING**: Andy Gillett and Katie Slade collect for Weldmar Hospice Care Trust watched by Nakita Slade, Fabien Fox and Beth Fox.



■ **COLLECTORS**: volunteers Steve Burholt, Sarah Elkanouni, John Holbrook and Carol Penfold rattled the donation tins.

Charity collectors should be licensed

GENEROUS residents in Weymouth and Portland are warned to be vigilant that charity collectors are bona fide after reports of unlicensed collections taking place.

West Dorset District Council have reported cases of people collecting money under the logo of a children's cancer charity in Dorset, without having a permit.

Councillor Ian James, Brief Holder for Community Safety, said: "Charities who legitimately collect in the town centre and door-to-door rely on the generosity of local people in order to help the needy.

"It is sad to think that there may be some unscrupulous types out there who pose as legitimate collectors, but people do need to be on their guard to ensure that collectors are bona fide.

"It is important that charities make sure that they have a council permit so that donors can spot those who are not genuine."

Anyone planning on holding a charity collection in Weymouth and Portland must obtain a free permit from the borough council, which allows the council to monitor where the money goes and how much of it goes to a good cause.

To arrange a charitable street collection permit please call licensing services at the borough council on 01305 838490.

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To mark the launch of their new letting venture - Sailing Cottages - Dream Cottages in Weymouth are opening their doors to give potential landlords expert advice on everything from tax issues to health and safety.

Home owners throughout the borough who are hoping to benefit from the opportunities presented by the 2012 Games are being encouraged to attend.

Sailing Cottages will be launched at the Dream Cottages offices, on Wednesday November 25th, between 2-8pm and is open to anyone interested in finding out more about letting properties.

Expert advice will be available from Business Link, along with Weymouth Tourist Information Centre who will be informing guests and potential landlords on the VisitBritain accreditation scheme.

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Councillor urges a vote for democracy, not autocracy

LAST week the *View from Weymouth* reported that Weymouth and Portland Borough Council's management committee had decided to recommend changes in the way the council is run.

Councillor Ian Roebuck has issued this statement to voice his strong opposition to the proposal for the council to move to a "strong leader and cabinet" model of operation.

"I am entirely opposed to this proposal, which I believe to be not just undemocratic but anti-democratic. Each councillor has an equal mandate, given them by their electorate at the ballot box, but this proposal would take away the right to exercise that mandate from all except one member, the leader.

"His powers would go much further than those held by the leader and cabinet of the county council, and we in Weymouth have recently seen the way in which that cabinet has wholly failed to take into account local needs and feelings over the issue of the Women's Refuge. I should make it clear that the principal failing lies not with the individual cabinet members, but with a system which encourages decisions being made behind closed doors and excluding the vast majority of elected members from any real influence over them.

"Those faults are magnified enormously in the model which is being offered to us here today. The Act is explicit. Once councillors have chosen their leader, all the executive powers of the council are vested in him. He is there for a four year term. He, and no one else, chooses (and can sack) his deputy and his cabinet. He decides what their individual responsibilities are. He can delegate decisions to them, keep the power for himself, or delegate it to unelected officers. His choice. He sets the budget, and it can (in existing authorities using this model) only be overturned by a two-thirds majority of the whole council.

"This is not democracy. To borrow a phrase from Lord Hailsham, it is elective dictatorship. Anyone who has reached maturity knows the follies and delusions to which every individual can be subject. If they do not recognise that, they are not fit to govern.

"No single individual should be given such unencumbered authority over his fellow citizens. I say this, irrespective of their political party. I would not want such powers in the hands of myself, or any of my group, when the time comes again that the electorate gives us their mandate, any more than I want it in other

hands now.

"And if we make this change, the act does not allow us to turn back. I must say that I am astounded by the alacrity with which the chairman of the management committee is attempting to leap through this trapdoor, particularly as his party elsewhere is recognising the dangers, and the weaknesses, of his preferred model. Only last month the Conservative Local Government spokeswoman, Caroline Spellman, was cheered when she told her conference 'we will introduce legislation to allow councils with cabinets to move back to a committee system. And, whatever the structure, we will move to increase the ability of ward members to take a full part in decision making.'

"Against that background, why on earth should this authority volunteer to go through this wholly unnecessary and counterproductive upheaval now? We are fortunate; we do not have to go down that route - we can stay a fourth option authority. I urge you, as strongly as I can, that that is what you should do. Vote for local democracy, while there is still some left, because I can assure you that if you acquiesce in this change, local democracy will be diminished and virtually extinguished."



REPRESENTATIVES from the armed services and residents observe the two minutes' silence for Armistice Day at Portland's war memorial.

A SILENCE fell over Portland as residents took time to remember the many members of the armed forces who have given their lives in war or are still fighting for peace in Iraq and Afghanistan on Armistice Day.

As the final notes of the Last Post sounded the solitary standard was lowered whilst residents and representatives from the island's armed forces observed the two minutes' silence.

Then bugler Chief Petty Officer Damien Hawkins from Portland Sea Cadets sounded the reveille, which marked the 91st anniversary of the end of World War 1, on the November 11th, 1911.

WEYMOUTH respectfully observed two minutes silence on Armistice Day marked by a gun being fired from the Nothe Fort.

Millions died in two world wars and countless other conflicts and shoppers in St Mary Street stood with heads bowed to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Young and old alike paid their respects to the fallen, many wearing scarlet poppies as they stood quietly in a grey autumn morning. Shops, businesses and council offices also fell quiet on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month as silence spread across the town until the Fort gun fired again to mark the end of the period of public respect.



SHOPPERS in St Mary Street pay their respects

THERE were some errors last week in our coverage of the Remembrance Sunday parade at Portland.

The Parade Marshal was Shipmate Charles H. Thompson BEM, who was a Chief Petty Officer in the Royal Navy.

The Standard Bearer was not Bill McCloughlin from the Royal British Legion but Shipmate Ben Cartwright of the Portland Branch of the Royal Naval Association.

Our apologies for any confusion or offence caused.



■ BENJAMIN Wells and Police Constable Alan Towell from Air Operations.

Ben's in charge!

FIREARMS, helicopters and cars were all part of an action packed day for a Weymouth youngster as he got to "takeover" the police for a day.

Benjamin Wells, 10, was among four young people who took part in the "Takeover Day" with Dorset police after winning a county-wide competition to suggest ways of improving his town.

During his day with the Operations Division Ben took part in a morning briefing with Chief Superintendent Colin Searle before visiting the force helicopter, firearms department, meeting the police dogs at the dog section and visiting

the traffic unit.

Ben said: "I got to meet some officers in firearms and see how they are trained. My favourite bit of the day was when I went and watched the helicopter take off and met the officers who operate Oscar 99."

The competition in October asked young people in Dorset what they would change in their local area if they took over Dorset Police for a day, with winners getting the chance to become involved in policing.

The day, in support of "11 Million", the organisation run by the Children's Commissioner, saw the young people, aged from 10 to 17,

working alongside senior police officers and staff for the day.

Helen Brittain, Head of Youth Development at Dorset Police who organised the day, said: "The day was a fantastic opportunity for the four young people to gain an insight into how the force is run – and also gave them a chance to have their opinions heard and for them to give advice to senior officers."

"The information provided by the many young people who entered the competition has also been valuable in telling us what issues are affecting them in their local area and will be used, where appropriate, to inform local actions."



■ Night work goes on for the Manor Railway Bridge beams.

Photo by Skanska

by Harry Walton

NIGHT work to put in beams for the Weymouth relief road Manor Railway Bridge has finished a week early. Construction was still able to finish ahead of schedule despite poor weather conditions.

The 22 beams needed for the bridge went into place in just four nights and there is now a safe working surface over the railway line for work on the deck of the bridge to start.

County council strategic projects manager Matthew Piles said: "Work on the new Manor Railway Bridge went very well.

"Residents were notified of two weeks of night

works but the second week, which was a contingency against delays, is not needed now.

"Although there were some concerns that noise from the works would be overheard from nearby properties, we didn't receive any complaints and we'd like to thank local residents for their patience." No further night works will be required on the Manor Railway Bridge this year, said the county council, although some night working will be needed early next year to build the parapets.



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Yew tree saved

A YEW behind Weymouth Fire Station near Boot Hill has been saved by a tree preservation order.

Members of Weymouth and Portland planning committee were told that the yew was the only tree on the site worth such an order which was opposed by Dorset Fire and Rescue Service.

They claimed that the yew needed to be removed because of concerns over the structural integrity of a dry stone retaining wall close to the tree and the risk it poses to DFRS staff.

But the committee agreed to the preservation order for the yew after hearing that technology existed to enable the 60 to 80-year-old tree to be moved to a different part of the site if it was developed.

They unanimously agreed with development management services manager Simon Williams that it would be "premature" to condemn the tree now.

New shops for Quay

SHOPPERS in Weymouth are to benefit from two new retail outlets at Brewers Quay in the run up to Christmas.

Despite a tough year for shops and businesses in the country, Weymouth is one of the top performing coastal locations in terms of shops weathering the chilly economic climate.

Antique jewellery shop Bracelets to Buckles along with casual fashion shop Drift previously on Trinity Street, have joined the 15 current retail outlets at Brewers Quay.

Director of Brewers Quay Roger Dalton, said: "We really want the wonder of Christmas to be enjoyed at Brewers Quay. This has been a tough year for many businesses so we are delighted to be able to celebrate the success of our tenants."

Anything goes

FIFTY tap-dancing youngsters will take part in Weymouth's youth musical group WOW's production of "Anything Goes"

Director and choreographer Jeremy Tustin has melded energetic dance routines with Cole Porter songs at Weymouth Pavilion Theatre until Saturday, November 21st at 7.30pm with a matinee on Saturday at 2.30pm.

Tickets, which cost £12.00 with £10.50 concessions for senior citizens and under 18's, for Wednesday evening and the Saturday matinee only, are available from Pavilion Theatre box office, telephone 01305 783225 or on-line at www.weymouth.gov.uk.

Playground dream is a step nearer reality

by Paul Crompton

TWO primary school friends are seeing their dream of an £80,000 play area in Chickerell become reality after design proposals were showcased during a public consultation.

Friends Ellie Cleaver-Coles, 10, and Brooke Carter, nine, hope the games area will be the envy of the borough after residents filled the town hall to choose which play equipment should be installed.

The friends, who initially went to Chickerell Town Council to quiz them on the lack of facilities in the town, are now awaiting the results of the questionnaires filled out during the consultation by 250 children and 100 adults.

Ellie said: "I think the designs are really good, lots of good ideas, I like a couple of things, I love the idea of talking flowers and sitting down bits. I just like the way they've come up with ideas and really pushed it because we gave them ideas and they put them in."

Brooke said she wanted a play area so she did not get bored after school and thought it would be a good

opportunity to meet new friends.

"We go to Portland's play area and so Portland kids might come to ours. I think the Portland kids will be jealous of our play area," she said.

The project needs £8,000 match funding from the community to continue, however, thanks to the efforts of Chickerell@Play community group, which was formed to help promote the project, 15 per cent of that total has been raised after just two fundraising events in one month.

Founding member of Chickerell@Play, Julie Cleaver, said the hope was if children became involved in the project now it would give them a feeling of ownership and deter vandalism of the area in future years.

"We have lots of open spaces for football but no structured play area so we are trying to build in that infrastructure," said Mrs Cleaver.

"Hopefully it will be there for their kids. They definitely felt part of it; some children can actually see their ideas incorporated in the designs."



■ **SERIOUS PLAY:** Ellie and Brooke (back centre) with Chickerell@Play founders Julie Cleaver (left) and Leanne Carter (second right) with assistant town clerk Nicola Briar (left) and McKenzie Carter (front) collecting questionnaires for the latest play area plans.

One of those children is Billy Doonan, 10, whose ideas were incorporated into one of the designs after he won a competition amongst Chickerell Primary School pupils.

Chickerell@Play are now going over the questionnaire results and designs and talking to developers about the next step.

Skatepark group for Chickerell

A GROUP of young people at Chickerell have been consulted about forming a youth forum.

A further meeting is now planned to actually create the forum so it can attract Government funding to help build a skatepark at Chickerell.

Everyone had a taste of what such a facility might be like when the Chickerell Police And Community Together group organised a visit by a mobile skatepark provided by West Dorset council's sports development team.

PACT chairman Robbie Dunster thanked local policeman Stan Knight and his colleagues for their invaluable contribution in providing essential personnel to supervise the event.

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Phil's on top of the world in his new career

ANCIENT life is providing a new life for Phil Anslow who is carving out a reputation for fossil designs sand blasted into stone.

by Harry Walton

His current life isn't exactly mundane because the landscape gardener from

Lodmoor, Weymouth, is also a Himalayan mountains guide leading expeditions in Nepal.

So it is perhaps no surprise to discover that the origins of his new art form lie on the other side of the world.

Phil, 53, said: "I lived in New Zealand from 1989-1995 where I was a park ranger.

"I was given a huge house to live in and I basically started to cut out ordinary stencils to decorate the walls with to make it a bit more homely.

"Being Welsh I chose Celtic designs and in creating about 100 I discovered I had a talent for it."

In 1995 he came to Weymouth at about the same time as the drive was on for World Heritage status for a large section of the Dorset coastline.

He said: "I saw this and thought that I would change from doing Celtic designs to doing fossils because the Jurassic Coast is so rich in fossils from Lyme Regis and Charmouth to Portland.

"So I started to do fossil designs in stone which is a complicated procedure where the design is sand

blasted into stone, something which is carried out for me by Stones monumental masons on Newstead Road."

Phil quickly discovered that the designs which people liked the most were ones of ammonites and trilobites.

He then moved from focussing on an art form to that of an educational workshop where he takes latex moulds of his fossil designs.

Phil said: "From these I make plaster moulds which children can take and paint for their very own coloured fossils.

"It is very educational because children learn the names of fossils, they learn about the era they come from and they learn about geology and an art form all in one.

"This is where I am now because I have just been put on to the Weymouth and Portland arts database, DepARTure, for schools."

What Phil is trying to do now is expand even further and get his name known among as many schools as possible.

He said: "It will enable me to bring this art form and all this knowledge to as many children as possible."

Phil's growing reputation

has seen his talents increasingly in demand.

He said: "Some events I go to including fossil fairs have seen me on the go from the moment I arrive until packing up time.

"Everybody loves what I do which is great and Weymouth and Portland council has been very supportive.

"They have given me special permission for 2010 to operate workshops in any of their parks in conjunction with three stone carvers from Purbeck so everyone can see what everyone does.

"People can come and carve their own stone and it is all educational in every way."

Phil is also having to cope with an influx of commissions including ones from archaeologists.

He said: "They want everything from a Stegosaurus to Velociraptors and Pterodactyls and many members of the public are also approaching me to do dinosaur designs on stone."

As if Phil didn't have enough work on his plate he is also planning to expand to tie in with school lessons on Egyptian history.

He said: "Hieroglyphics work perfectly in stone be-

cause that is how many of them were used thousands of years ago.

"Children love it because they are getting history, art and technology all rolled in to one."

The tactile nature of stone has also seen Phil start to do workshops in special schools and among events he is planning is an arts day at Westfield Technology College, Weymouth.

Another area of interest he sees for the future is helping people to celebrate a child's birthday.

He said: "There has al-

ready been quite a bit of interest in me attending birthday parties where the child and their guests can get stuck into painting dinosaur and fossil moulds.

"It can give the child a birthday to remember and parents are beginning to realise that plaster moulds are something that gives them a distinctive memory of their child's birthday. It's also educational and parents like killing two birds with one stone."

All this varied range of work has really made Phil's life busy, but he has still got enough time left to

make plans for taking an expedition out to base camp at Mount Everest in October 2010.

He said: "This 18-day trek will include tours of Buddhist monasteries and Kathmandu.

"People will stay in a palace which was the former home of the kings of Nepal and from there we will make a trek for two weeks up to the Mount Everest base camp at 19,000ft.

"There are no fossils there but everyone will feel on top of the world!"

The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ...

by Geoff Treleaven

What's important

AS I answered an unexpected telephone call, a friend's voice slowly asked: "Can you and your wife come round and sit with our children?" We were just preparing our own children for bed, so I explained how inconvenient it was.

Then he added "My wife has taken an overdose and I am waiting for the ambulance". I replied: "I will be there in five minutes," and I left immediately.

That telephone call completely changed our plans for the evening. We now had a different view of what was most important.

Have you ever considered how we might see things in a different way if disaster struck? Many have had that experience and it has changed their whole perspective of what is most important to them.

Life can be very interesting and fulfilling with its numerous possibilities. We can be thankful for this, but if our main interests were no longer available, what then?

When it comes to priorities, Jesus gave some very clear advice when He said "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matt 6:33)

Following His advice may require changes but, overall, we will have everything to gain.



■ PHIL ANSLOW with his sand blasted fossil designs.

the new look Bay Hotel Bistro

The Bay Hotel Restaurant on the Marine Parade is having a facelift. Over the past month major works have been undertaken on the interior, including the installation of two very large beams to replace a central fireplace.

We will be upgrading all the furnishings to give a modern feel to the New Bistro which will be opening the second week in December.

The new local owners are keen to invest in the future of this beautiful hotel providing guests and local residents with a friendly place to relax and enjoy breakfasts, coffees, lunches, teas and evening meals, or just a drink at the new bespoke bar.

The Head Chef Iain Gutteridge, formerly of Turles Restaurant, has put together an exciting new menu of the best of British fare with a Mediterranean twist, sourcing all his ingredients locally wherever possible.

We would like to thank Lyme Regis Town Council for their understanding during the work.

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Bay Hotel Bistro Evening Menu

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KJUNG PAO KING PRAWNS WITH CASHEW NUTS
STIR FRIED WITH SWEET PEPPERS, COURGETTES AND BANANO SHOTS IN A SWEET CHILLI SAUCE,
SERVED ON A BED OF CRISPY WOODRUS - £5.95 (V)

FRESH SALMON AND CRAB CAKES

SEASONED WITH TAMARIND AND SERVED WITH BAKED LEAVES WITH A CAPER LEMON DRESSING - £7.50 (V)

WEST COUNTRY STILTON AND SMOKED BACON FRITTERS

WITH A TRADITIONAL CUMBERLAND SAUCE - £5.50 (V)

WARM LEEK AND ROQUEFORT TARTLET

DRESSED WITH MINT LEAVES - £1.95 (V)

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ITALIAN STYLE MIXED NOBES OF DEVILS WITH PRAWNS, LOCAL CRABMEAT, PARMAS PANE, ANCHO, SHIRAZ SALMON, SALAMI,
FRESH OLIVES AND A MARINARA - £10.95 (V) (N) optional

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LYME BAY SURF AND TURF

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MEDALLIONS OF DEVON PORK FILLET

PAN FRIED AND LAYERED WITH PARMAS PANE, FRESH SAUCE AND PARMASAN ON A MEDITERRANEAN STYLE TOMATO,
GARLIC AND BASIL SAUCE - £12.50 (V)

PAN FRIED WEST COUNTRY PHEASANT BREAST

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CHICKEN SUPRIME ROULADE

LOCALLY SOURCED CHICKEN BREAST STUFFED WITH CREAM CHEESE AND CHIVES,
WRAPPED IN SMOKED DEVON BACON AND SERVED ON A TANGY TOMATO SAUCE - £12.95 (V)

ROASTED DUCK BREAST

ROASTED BREAST OF DUCK SERVED WITH A MOUTH MELTING SAUCE AND A RICH SAUCE OF BLACK CHERRY,
ORANGE AND CHERRY BRANDY - £12.50

SHIRAZ STEAK

CHAR GRILLED SAUCY RICE SERVED WITH DEVON MUSHROOMS, BATTERED ONION RINGS, POTATOES,
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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

*They'd know
that accent
anywhere*

A WEYMOUTH man snapped up a four-day break to Poland, flew to Krakow from Bourne-mouth and was wondering what to do with a few spare hours before night fell.

He got to chatting with two elderly English men who astonished him by correctly identifying that he came from Dorset.

He replied: "I know I've got a south west accent but how on earth did you know I came from Dorset?"

They replied that they'd done their national service 50 years ago in Cyprus and had spent a long time coming back on a troopship with the Devon and Dorsets, so they'd recognise the accent anywhere!

Christmas shopping was never quite this crowded

CHRISTMAS means crowds and there were more than 100 people jostling for position in this queue which stretched right out the front door of the premises.

Heads craned forward eagerly, people asked when the event was officially due to start and others bemoaned the fact they'd missed a chance to come earlier and be at the front of the queue.

But this festive scrum wasn't for a bazaar or a Christmas fete because the

rush was actually to get flu jabs at the Bridges Medical Centre!

Young, middle-aged and old alike were there, some under their own power, others in wheelchairs or with a cane to help their progress.

It didn't matter. This was the hottest date in town and it was strictly an all ticket affair with everyone given a colour coded letter on a sheet of paper to ensure staff could deal with them efficiently.

Just when it seemed that the surgery must burst at the seams, the first call went out and a dozen or so people filed away through a door, rolling shirt sleeves up for their jab.

In a remarkably short space of time the masses thinned until my code letter was called and in we all went only for me to find out that one of my nurses was a relative of a former workmate. Small world!

I promised to say what a good job she

and her colleague were doing – which I have – before I rolled my sleeve down and retraced my steps.

The scene as I re-entered the waiting room was incredible because it was packed to the rafters again. I'd estimate that more than 200 people had already had their flu jabs with scores more waiting for a needle. Christmas Eve shopping at Asda will be a doddle after this!

Fireworks or firewater

MORTAR shells fired colour across the night sky as more than 15,000 people crowded on to the Esplanade to enjoy Weymouth's traditional town firework display.

Young children stared entranced or pointed excitedly at this star burst or that fizzing firework, but it seems that the magic has dimmed a little for some teenagers.

They clearly felt the need for a little pick-me-up to get through the evening, so they congregated near the former Woolworth's store.

There they passed round bottles of vodka mix as families streamed by them heading towards the seafront to watch the display.

Police can't be everywhere and there would certainly be rockets of a different sort if their parents knew that it was firewater rather than fireworks they'd gone out to enjoy that night.

Human beings have their uses sometimes

WE live in an automated world but its dehumanising influence does have its funny moments.

Shoppers in Weymouth's B&Q store were warily getting to grips with new fast track payment points where people scan their

own goods, pay for them and automatically get any change they are owed.

There are still cashier points and one elderly couple were stood on their own there for some time before they gradually realised that B&Q were

short staffed that day and no one was coming to serve them.

So they tentatively made their way to the new fast track area with their single purchase where a brief glance at what others were doing gave them their cue.

The man then swept his item's barcode over the scanner but nothing seemed to happen and he slowly took on a slightly bewildered look, so I walked round to see why.

It emerged that the automatic machine was refusing to deal with him until

he provided proof that he was over 21!

He was actually 73, but the automated machine couldn't register that.

All its scanner knew was that the item he was trying to buy was paint brush cleaner and, in our sophisticated society, there was

always a chance that the customer might be a teenage addict planning to sniff the liquid rather than clean brushes with it.

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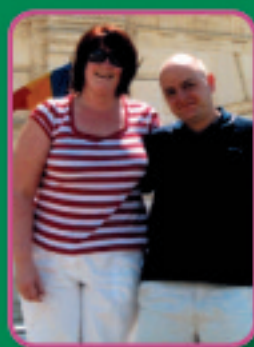
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Dorset Food & Drink

Award winning chef MARK HIX writes for the View

Fish fingers worth that extra effort ...



POPULAR with kids and adults - Haddock fish fingers

Image courtesy of British Seasonal Food by Mark Hix, published by Quadrille, rrp £25. Photos by Jason Lowe

Haddock fish fingers serves 4

THIS dish is of course a bit more labour-intensive than reaching into the freezer but well worth the extra effort.

We know that kids love them, and grown-ups too and interesting whether they detect the difference in the real from the faux.

Serve these with tartare sauce and classic mushy peas or a simple salad and chips and I'll let you into a little submission a bag of frozen peas can be blended to a coarse puree to make posh pea puree.

You can use pollack for this or any other firm white fish.

500g haddock fillet, skinned, boned and cut into 8cm x 2cm fingers
flour for dusting
1 large egg, beaten
100g fresh white bread-crumbs
vegetable or corn oil for frying

Season the pieces of haddock with salt and pepper. Spread the flour in one shallow dish, put the beaten egg in another and the bread-crumbs in a third. Coat the pieces of fish first in the flour, then the egg and finally the bread-crumbs.

Heat a generous amount of oil in a heavy-bottomed frying pan and cook the fish fingers for about 2 minutes on each side, until nicely browned. Drain on some kitchen paper and serve.

Creamed Arbroath smokies with soft-boiled duck egg serves 4

ARBROATH smokies are not as popular as the once were and in my eyes need a bit of a revival.

I think along with kippers they probably just drifted out of vogue maybe because home cooks didn't want their kitchen stinking or maybe the bones.

If you can't get Arbroath smokies then just poach and lightly flake some smoked Finnan haddock. Serve with soldiers of toast as a breakfast dish or a starter.

2 arbroath smokies or about 500g smoked haddock, skinned and boned



1 leek, halved, finely shredded and washed
a couple of good knobs of butter
250-300ml double cream
4 duck's eggs
salt and freshly ground black pepper

Remove the skin from the smokies then remove the flesh from the bones, double checking you haven't left any in. If your using smoked haddock then poach it in milk or water for 3-4 minutes, drain and break up the flesh.

Gently cook the leeks in the butter for 3-4 minutes until soft then add the cream and smokies. Season lightly and simmer until the cream has reduced and just coating the fish. Check the seasoning and re season if necessary.

Meanwhile soft boil the ducks eggs by carefully placing in simmering water for five minutes then refreshing in cold water for a minute so its cool enough to handle. Carefully peel and either serve whole on the creamed smokie or cut it in half.

with foodies
in mind ...

Rave reviews for Wild Garlic



MASTERCHEF winner Mat Follas's restaurant has won its second outstanding review in as many months. The Wild Garlic in Beaminster scored near-perfect marks in the respected monthly food magazine Olive.

His overall mark of 56 out of a possible 60 beat well known names such as Richard Corrigan whose Mayfair restaurant, in London, scored 48 points and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's River Cottage Canteen in Axminster which scored 44.

By chance one of the two Olive critics in the Pro vs Punter column was Gregg Wallace (pictured with Matt), a judge on the BBC's MasterChef competition, however the former greengrocer turned cookery writer did not let on why he was really there.

In his verdict given in the December issue he wrote: "The Wild Garlic is buzzy and busy, a fun place serving good, honest food. The wine list is full of real bargains, too. The food, although well prepared, could be a little smarter. If this was MasterChef I'd say Mat needs to work on his presentation."

The second critic, the punter, was Dorset foodie Jane Colston, who gave the Beaminster restaurant top marks for food, atmosphere and service.

She wrote: "We left feeling like old friends and valued customers. The Wild Garlic is comfortable, welcoming and informal place to meet friends and enjoy well cooked, beautifully presented food at very fair prices."

Mat, who only took up professional cooking when he opened the restaurant six months ago, said he was overwhelmed by the praise.

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Baked Trout with Almond & Prawn Sauce

★ Stuffed Butternut Squash, Half Butternut Squash stuffed with Brown Rice, Celery and Capsicum Cooked in Vegetable Stock with Lemon Grass
All Served with Seasonal Vegetables

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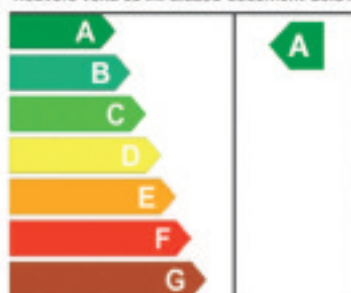
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'It was just what you had to do'

It was the early hours of the morning as driver George Glover unloaded his final few Jerry cans at a fuel depot in an unknown area of France.

As he turned to get back in to the cab, he was confronted by two German soldiers just feet away from him. Unarmed and with a Tommy Gun pointing straight at them, he turned to his driving partner. "What are we going to do now?" asked his friend. "I don't know they're the ones with the gun," George said.

His friend decided to take a chance and wrestled the gun from the German officer and they marched them back to their base.

The two German officers turned out to be Polish deserters who had been forced to fight.

This, said George, was one of the most frightening times he had during the war but it was one of many close shaves.

Due to the nature of his job as an apprentice com-

positor George was exempt from a call up to the army for 12 months.

Having registered at 17, it wasn't until he was replaced in his job after a year that he was called up into the Royal Army Service Corps.

His papers came through on February, 12th 1942 when he was just 19.

George was posted to the number one training Battalion in Bournemouth where he did his drill, footwork and driving training.

During his training George picked up his first war injury, which survives to this day.

"I damaged my hearing during training on the range. Five or six others had fired the gun before me and now it was my turn. The first round I fired the whole lot blew up.

"The magazine came out, the bolt came out and I couldn't hear a thing. I went to the Medical Officer who told me it would come back in about two or three days.

FOLLOWING Remembrance parades and Armistice tributes throughout the district one WWII veteran - GEORGE GLOVER - talks to grandson, View reporter TOM GLOVER

"It didn't get any better all through the war years but I never did anything about until 20 years ago. I had it checked out by Vauxhall who I worked for in Luton and they had told me the deafness had been caused by the blast. "When I moved here I went to the ministry about it and they sent someone down to have a look. A nurse came and checked my hearing and then I had a letter to say that I had been awarded a pension for it, which I should have had when I came out the army.

"Anyway they said I would be awarded a pension and it would be backdated to when it should have started. It worked out at £21 a week so I got about £1,000."

George was posted to Donnington and then Bradford before the newly formed 516 company for the D-Day Invasion.

George collected his vehicle from Glasgow and was then posted to Walton-on-the-Naize. He first stepped on foreign land on D-Day plus two.

"Nobody realised how big the Normandy landings were going to be. When we got our marching orders we went off to Southampton and we laid there until we got the orders that we had to go forward."

George was not able to enter the compound at Southampton as he had to stay outside with his vehicle.

On D-Day plus two he drove his vehicle onto a landing ship tanks and then spent nine hours at sea as they travelled to Normandy where he landed at Juno beach.

After arriving at Normandy George almost found himself driving straight into the hands of the enemy.

"We got inside Courselles and then our convoy stopped, or at least I thought it had stopped. The lorry in front of me had broken down but I couldn't see past it.

"I got out to have a look and a dispatch rider came up and he told me to go on. I pulled round him and went off and we came to a junction. There was a Canadian Military Police Officer there who waved me on.

"We got about half a mile down the road and we saw these two soldiers sitting in the hedge with a Vickers machine gun. I asked them if a convoy had come past and we were looking for number one line of communications.

"He said 'if you go up there a bit further you'll be in number one line of communications because Jerry's up there'."

While spending such a long time away from home, receiving a letter was something George always looked forward to.

He was out on detachment at a coal depot on the outskirts of Brunswick where once a week a driver would come and deliver the mail. Having gone six weeks without receiving a letter George felt something was up and asked the driver if he could go back with him to the depot.

"It was only four or five miles down the road.



We got in the motor and this old fat woman got in next to me. There were three of us in the cab with me wedged in the middle. There were all these young German lads on the back as well who lived in Brunswick and worked with us at the coal depot.

"We were driving along and we got stuck behind a horse and cart. There was traffic coming the other way so the driver tried overtaking on the nearside of it but as he did the bank gave way.

"The motor went down the bank and I was stuck with this woman on top of me and she was a big lady."

He managed to push his way out and get clear of the vehicle, his biggest worry was the lorry catching alight.

After checking no-one was hurt George managed to get to the roadside and thumb a lift to Brunswick with a passing car.

"When I got into the camp I told them what had happened and they sent a motor out to tow the van back and then to

top it all off, when I got the post and I had no letters at all!"

George had a few lucky escapes but there were many who weren't so lucky.

George was asleep in his lorry one day in Normandy while he was loaded up with ammo. When he was ready to leave someone told him that one of the guys loading the lorry was his neighbour from back home. George decided to try and find him a couple of days later when he returned.

"When I came back after delivering my ammo, I spoke to my officer and he said I could go up to see if could see him. When I got there they told me he was killed the night before. Four of them went up to lay a smokescreen and a shell landed between them and killed the lot of them.

"I found out afterwards that the day before he got killed he was speaking to his brother in the next village from where he was stationed, so at least he saw his brother before he got

killed."

George was a month shy of being de-mobbed when he was given compassionate leave.

George was one of five brothers, four of which served in the war. George's brother John had spent four years in a prisoner of war camp before being re-patriated due to illness.

"The story was that he was hit round the head with a rifle butt while he was being marched to Germany.

"He spent nearly four years in hospital in Germany and he was 20 years in hospital when he came out."

George returned to Normandy in 2004 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

He was given a hero's welcome but is very humble about what he did.

"I think you have to be proud of what you did over there but at the time you just took it in your stride. I didn't even think about it, it was just what you had to do," he said.

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Main Course

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- Coal store
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UPLYME - £425,000



- Sitting room
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room
- Cloakroom
- Master bedroom with en-suite shower room and dressing room
- 3 further bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garden
- Garage

UPLYME - £675,000



- Entrance Hall
- Drawing Room
- Dining Room
- Study
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Conservatory
- Master Bedroom
- Three Further Bedrooms One With Ensuite
- Two Family Bathrooms
- Swimming Pool
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- Summer House.

UPLYME - £347,500



- Detached house
- Set in elevated position
- Countryside views
- Kitchen
- Dining room
- Living room
- 3 bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gardens
- Single garage
- Ample parking
- Close to the level riverside walk into Lyme Regis

UPLYME - £399,950



- Significant part of the western side of the development
- Most impressive panelled drawing room with ornate carved fireplace
- Kitchen/dining room with large bay window
- Master bedroom & guest bedroom with countryside views
- Luxury bathroom
- Access to private garden
- 2 allocated parking spaces
- Part of the sympathetic conversion of an elegant Grade II listed hotel
- Internal viewing strongly recommended

LYME REGIS - £615,000



- Entrance lobby
- Cloakroom
- Entrance hall
- Living room
- Dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Master bedroom with en-suite
- 2 further ground floor bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- First floor
- Bedroom 2
- Gardens
- Detached double garage and ample parking
- Countryside views

CHARDSTOCK - £495,000



- Village location
- Individual detached bungalow
- Self contained studio annex
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- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Cloakroom
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- Small Garden
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- Shower
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- Dining Room
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Remainder of NHBC

CHARMOUTH - £245,000



Immaculately presented and spacious first floor period apartment, with lift, parking and garage

- Entrance Lobby
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Inner Lobby
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Garage
- Entrance Hall
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Parking

CHARMOUTH - £279,950



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- Cloakroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Parking
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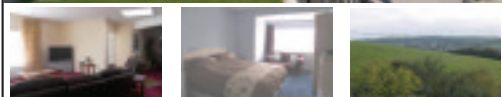


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Chance to “Light up a Life” : Dorchester Youth Jazz Orchestra

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Sunday December 20th
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remembrance and dedi-
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The lights will be first illuminated at special "Lighting Up Carol Services" and remain lit until early January.

A spokesperson for the Trust said: "Christmas is one of those special times when we remember those who are dear to us but have sadly died. Our "Light up a Life" services provide you and your family with the opportunity to reflect and remember someone special."

A minimum donation of £5 per person remembered is requested and all dedications will be acknowledged with a special card and all names will be recorded in our 2009 Book of Remembrance. Application forms are available from Weldmar Hospicecare Trust, Joseph Weld Hospice, Herringston Road, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 2SL or may dedicate lights on line by going to:

www.weld-hospice.org.uk/lightupalife.



▲ DYJO1 – SWINGING: The DYJO in action at the Swanage Jazz Festival in July

JAZZ lovers will be delighted to hear that the talented Dorset Youth Jazz Orchestra will be making a welcome return to St. Mary's Church, Beaminster for an exciting concert this Saturday, November 21st at 7pm.

This performance, generously sponsored by the Brit Valley Rotary Club, will be given in aid of the Richard Ely Trust for Young Musicians and the Friends of St.Mary's Church, Beaminster.

Since its formation in 1994, the Dorset Youth Jazz Orchestra has gone from strength to strength under the direction of Laurie Payne. Their wide ranging repertoire features Big Band orchestra-

tions covering sixty years of jazz history from Armstrong, Ellington, Basie, Goodman, Brubeck, Davis and Parker to contemporary music from Beach, Nestico and Tomaro .Original and modern arrangements of swing, bebop, latin, traditional, rock and funk styles of music give members an insight into the jazz world .

In recent years DYJO has developed close links with France, performed at the Swanage Jazz Festival, the Lighthouse, Poole and at the Royal Albert Hall in Dorset Live 2005 and Dorset Rocks 2008. The band has also received expert tuition from Steve Waterman, the acclaimed jazz trumpeter and

composer, and had the opportunity to perform with him.

The Richard Ely Trust for Young Musicians was set up in 2001 with the aim of supporting and encouraging young people up to the age of 21 years in Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole in a wide variety of musical studies and interests. The Trust subsidises the cost of music lessons and music courses or contributes towards the purchase of expensive instruments. The terms of the Trust make it applicable to the whole spectrum of young musicians.

The Friends of St.Mary's Church, Beaminster were founded in 2000 to support the Parochial Church Council in the maintenance and enhancement of Beaminster's historic church. Their aim is to enable the community at large to use and enjoy the lovely medieval building. Tickets for this concert which starts at 7pm are £8 for adults, £3 for under 16 years and are available from Bridport Music in South Street, Bridport, the Church Office, Hogshill Street, Beaminster or Symonds and Sampson, Beaminster.



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LYME REGIS: Marine Theatre Quiz Night now on 25th November.
PORTLAND: Free Carers Support Programme at the Community 2000 Centre, Easton. 2 of 4 weekly sessions from 10am - 1pm, followed by a free lunch. Places are limited so booking essential. Please call Kerry on 01305 751160
BRIDPORT: Philomena Harmsworth and Prudence Hevard-Morgan. Open studios to coincide with Dorset Literary Festival. Top Floor, St. Michael's Studios, St. Michael's Trading Estate, Bridport DT6 3RR. Open Mon 16th - Sat 21st 9.30-2.30

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19th

KINGSTON MAURWOOD NEAR DORCHESTER: 'Colour in the garden' lecture by Philip Gamble at Kingston Maurwood College. From 7.30pm.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20th

LYME REGIS: Richard Edmonds to give a presentation at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. Organised by Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details.
LYME REGIS: Quiz Night at The Royal Lion Hotel, Lyme Regis at 7.30pm. Organised by Lyme Regis Majorettes.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21st

BEAMINSTER: Dorset Youth Jazz Orchestra at St Mary's Church from 7pm. In aid of Richard Ely Trust for young Musicians and the Friends of St Mary's Church. Tickets £8 for adults, £3 for under 18s from Bridport Music or Church Office, Hoghill Street. Telephone 01308 456297 for more details.
BOTHENHAMPTON: Bothenhampton Village Hall are showing the film 'Mamma Mia (PG). 7.30pm (Doors open at 7pm). Tickets and information from Pennie 458006 or Ray 423071. Tickets £4 for members of film club, £5 for everybody else.
LYME REGIS: Festive auction at the Ship Inn, Lyme Regis, in aid of St Michael's primary School, 8pm.
WEYMOUTH: Inner Wheel club of Weymouth Christmas fayre. 10am - midday. Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Weymouth

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22nd

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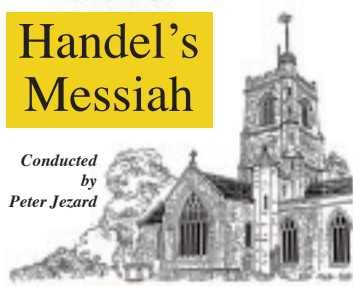
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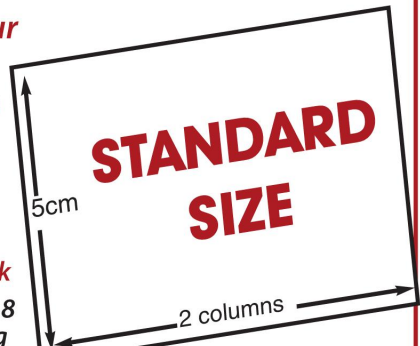
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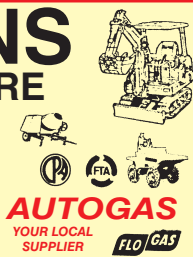
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NEW Astra nominated for Car of the Year shortlist just one month before hitting UK dealers

One year after collecting the 2009 European Car of the Year award for Vauxhall, the Insignia may now be handing the mantle to the all-new Astra, which is on a short list of cars to take the honour for 2010.

The Astra is one of seven cars to have been chosen from a field of 33 cars new to the market. A jury of 59 top automotive journalists from 23 countries placed the Astra on a shortlist of seven cars, and will announce this year's winner on November 30.

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"We all have our fingers crossed here at Luton," said Andy Gilson, Vauxhall's Marketing Director. "The Insignia's year as a COTY holder has been hugely successful, with it beating all our sales projections. The Astra's place on the 2010 shortlist proves that Vauxhall can consistently hit the mark for design, comfort, safety, driving pleasure, and many other criteria the short-listed cars will be judged on."

In fact, the Astra has won COTY once before, in 1985 for the Mk. 2 model. Vauxhall followed up with

another win two years later for the Omega, and then again in 2009 with the Insignia, which has gone on to become the UK's biggest selling mid-size car, with sales in excess of 38,000 since its launch last January.

The Astra is produced at Ellesmere Port, the tenth Vauxhall compact-class car to be built in the Cheshire plant since 1964. The UK is General Motors' biggest European market, and its fourth largest globally; it is also the dominant market in Europe for both the Astra and Insignia.



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is equipped with a raft of new and advanced handling and driver assistance systems that take its off-road capabilities to new heights. At the same time, it has been engineered for greater poise, comfort and performance when driving on-road.

In the UK new Land Cruiser is offered as a five-door model powered by a revised 171bhp 3.0-litre D-4D engine, matched to a five-speed automatic transmission. Three equipment grades are offered – LC3, LC4 and LC5 – with seven seats fitted as standard on all but the

entry level version (on which third row seats are an option). Customer orders are being taken now with first deliveries from early December. On-the-road prices range from £29,795 to £44,795.

The new Land Cruiser is only slightly larger than its predecessor, which helps maintain its off-road agility. The styling combines the model's traditionally robust looks with styling cues that were first introduced on the larger Land Cruiser V8. Intelligent interior packaging provides more space inside the cabin, with Toyota EasyFlat third

row seats that can be raised or folded flat at the touch of a button (LC4 and LC5 models). The usable loadspace has been significantly increased and a new rear glass hatch allows items to be loaded without having to open the full side-hinged tailgate – ideal for tight parking places.

Toyota has retained the body-on-frame construction that has always been an integral part of Land Cruiser's exceptional off-road ability. Careful attention to the suspension design and NVH measures ensure high standards of on-road ride, handling and comfort are maintained.

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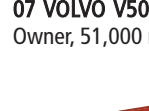
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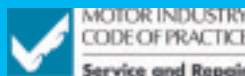
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The Superb Estate is 4,838 mm long, 1,817 wide and 1,510 high – comfortably the most spacious and practical

car in the upper-medium segment. In keeping with Škoda's tradition of offering great value for money, the estate has a number of new optional features, including a keyless entry and ignition system and a revised version of the hatchback's award-winning Park Assist system that allows the estate to parallel park in an even tighter space than before. An electronically operated boot opening and panoramic sunroof are also available.

Since its launch in 2008 the Superb hatch has found over 3,000 homes in the UK (up to October 2009). Worldwide, Škoda has delivered 33,434 Superbs to customers from January through to October this year – 78% more

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Avalon Swim meet

CHARD and District Swimming Club participated in the Avalon Meet on 24th-25th October 2009, held at Millfield Pool writes *Steph Hallam*. Once again, it was a successful meet not only with the club winning top visiting trophy for their efforts but some impressive individual performances, especially from the local swimmers from this area.

Jack Fish, 16, gained a South West Region Qualifying Time in the 50m butterfly event with a time of 28.76. He also obtained South West Region consideration times in the 50m freestyle (26.14) and 200m freestyle (2:08.49).

Jake Hallam and Luke van den Barselaar, both 13, also obtained their South West Region Qualifying Times. Jake won the 100m Butterfly event 1:07.38; his winning success continued in the 200m butterfly, 200m breaststroke and he achieved 2nd position in the 200m freestyle. Whilst Luke achieved his time in the 100m backstroke: 1:10.34. He also won the 50m backstroke, 200m backstroke and 50m freestyle. He secured a 2nd in the 100m freestyle; 3rd in the 200m freestyle and 4th in the 50m breaststroke.

Abigail Dare, 12, came 1st in the 50m backstroke, 3rd in the 200m individual medley and 100m butterfly, 4th in the 200m backstroke and 6th in the 100m backstroke whilst Saskia Osborne, 16, won her 50m backstroke event, coming 2nd in the 100m backstroke and finishing 4th in the 50m butterfly.

Other Chard & District swimmers achieving top six positions/medals were:-

Jamie Pullinger, 11, came 3rd in the 50m backstroke and 100m breaststroke; 4th in the 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly, 100m and 200m backstroke and 200m IM, and 5th in the 50m freestyle. Elsie Emery, 11, came 6th in the 200m freestyle.

Hannah Pullinger, 13, came 2nd in the 50m and 100m breaststroke; 3rd in the 50m freestyle; 4th in 100m and 200m freestyle and 50m backstroke; 5th in the 100m backstroke and 6th in the 200 IM. Ben Fowler, 13, came 2nd in the 100m backstroke; 4th in the 100m freestyle, and 6th in the 200m freestyle. Laura Coombs, 14, came 5th in the 100m butterfly.

In the 15 years and over, Jess Harrington came 5th in the 100m backstroke.

Other swimmers participating: Charlie Kendall, Jade Hawkins, Marsha Emery, Susan Ross, Jay Kindred, Nathan Roberts, Mollie Simpson, Jake Harvey, Jenna Emery, and Steph Hallam.



◆ Swimmers of Chard & District Swimming who are pictured with Top Visiting club Trophy at the end of the weekend.

Amy takes title

AMY NICHOLSON who joined Bridport Tennis Club last year is the new ladies singles champion. She beat the experienced Caroline Cash in the annual tournament held recently.

The event involved a round robin of two groups with the top two ladies in each group going through to the semi-finals. The first was between Nicholson and Lynn Watts. Whilst Watts was able to match the 13-year old for ground strokes, the consistency of Nicholson won through in the end. The other semi-final between Clare Handford and Cash was a very close encounter with each player producing lots of rallies and varied shots but it was Cash that came through to progress to the final.

The final became a little one sided as Nicholson's consistency and experience in singles was too strong for Cash who was fast around the court, and her accuracy and placement eventually won her the title.



FINALISTS: Champion Amy Nicholson (right) and runner-up Caroline Cash

BRIDPORT SKITTLES

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday November 23rd: **Mens**

Individuals 1st Round (8 winners each alley) Monday Nov 23rd - Ilchester: K Groves; B Robinson; R Pincombe; A Cauldwell; L Dare; H Mills; M Powell; C Barnes; D Cooper; M Gurd; C Dare; M Horton

Wednesday Nov 25th - King Charles: S Lee; B Herbert; C Langdon; J Smith; A Paulley; J Sellick; C Willcox; P Scott; R Paulley; R Frampton; M Willcox; G Brooks,

WEST BAY SEA ANGLING CLUB RESULT

Chelsea finally hooks some

TEN members signed on to fish the last Saturday Juniors Match of the year (the Jurassic League Series on November 14th).

All ten competitors managed to catch some fish with many flounders the most popular alongside bass, pollock, pout, rockling and a sand smelt which was only 1 gram under the current club record.

Chelsea Taylor fishing her third junior match proved the adage 'third time lucky' by finally catching some fish which means she will win the Ladies Junior Trophy for 2009.

1st: Craig Horton;

2nd: Steven Rathbone;

3rd: Connor Hallett

Heaviest flat fish: Craig Horton 334g flounder

Heaviest round fish: Connor Hallett 112g bass

Most species: Connor Hallett and Oliver Mears 6 each

Wooden spoon: Sean Taylor

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LYME REGIS DARTS

RESULTS from Thursday, November 12th: Division One - Nags Head B 3 Lamb B 5, Nags Z 2 Nags Head A 6. Division Two: Royal Oak 0 Rubber Johns 6, Young Guns +1 7 George B 1.

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nags Head A.....	5	5	0	0	34	6	10
Rousdon Club.....	4	3	1	0	25	7	7
George A.....	4	2	1	1	17	15	5
Nags Z.....	4	2	0	2	16	16	4
Rockpoint A.....	3	1	1	1	11	13	3
Lamb A.....	4	0	1	3	11	21	1
Nags Head B.....	5	0	0	5	6	34	0

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Talbot Arms.....	3	3	0	0	18	6	6
Royal Standard.....	4	2	1	1	23	9	5
Rubber Johns.....	3	2	0	1	16	8	4
Young Guns +1.....	3	1	2	0	15	9	4
George B.....	4	1	0	3	9	23	2
Royal Oak.....	5	0	1	4	7	33	1

◆ Stat leaders: 180s (top) Terry Prowse 4, Highest shot-out: John Hamon 142.

Best ever result for Dorset swimmers

SIX local youngsters were delighted to secure a coveted place in the Dorset squad to compete in the British Gas sponsored National County Team Championships at Pond's Forge, Sheffield.

Tom Mules, Tom Crew, Tom John and Rebecca Beal of Tornadoes of South Dorset, Rebecca Man of Weymouth SC and Peter Thornton of West Dorset SC all contributed to Dorset's best ever result of 12th place out of 20 in Division One.

This was a remarkable achievement given that their opponents included much bigger counties such as Lancashire and Yorkshire, and combined teams such as Northumberland and Durham, and Berks and South Bucks.

Throughout the competition the Dorset swimmers fought for every point to consolidate last year's promotion to Division One.

"The whole team swam exceptionally well and supported each other enthusiastically," said team manager Sue Smart. "We couldn't take our eyes off the scoreboard as we

moved in and out of the relegation places."

In the end it was eleven, eight and second places in the last three relays which finally secured Division One status.

These results came from the boys' 12-13 yrs medley team with Thornton and Mules doing the backstroke and fly legs, and the girls' 14-15 yrs medley team with Man as anchor in the freestyle finish.

Mules also starred in the final event, the 6x 50m cannon freestyle team which finished in second place.

Mules topped the individual scoring with Dorset's only race win in the 12-13 yrs 100m butterfly in a personal best time and he came second in the 100m freestyle.

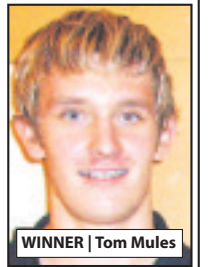
Crew, Mules and Man had been selected for the County team in previous years but for Thornton, John and Beal, it was their debut appearance.

Janet Hewitt, head coach at West Dorset commented: "It's fantastic that between them West Dorset, Tornadoes and Weymouth got six of the squad places. The standard

is the highest - you have to be the best in the county to get your place. That's a particularly good achievement for swimmers from the smaller clubs.

"We're up against the likes of Bournemouth and Ferndown who have so many more swimmers to draw from

Sheila Short, Hon Secretary of Weymouth SC, agreed that the three local clubs should be proud of their swimmers' performances while Tornadoes' Chairman, Kelvin Dawe, added his congratulations to the individual swimmers for their selection to the team and their contribution to its achievement.



WINNER | Tom Mules

Team Theme 5-a-side Success for Salway Ash

SALWAY Ash Primary School won Team Theme's autumn annual 5-a-side football competition held at St Mary's School, Bridport without conceding a goal in open play.

They met Bridport St Mary's in the final and in a very tight entertaining encounter came through 2-0 winners with goals from Nathan Rollett and Finn Purchase to lift the first trophy of the season.

The win was dedicated to their team member Jake Rowland who unfortunately broke his wrist during the earlier stages of the tournament.

Salway Ash coach Matt Read said: "Salway Ash would like to thank the members of Team Theme and the medical staff who dealt brilliantly with the unfortunate injury to Jake."

Team Theme Head Coach Lee Cuff said: "It was the largest and best tournament to date with 20 local primary school teams entering. The standard of football was great and it shows there is a lot of promising local talent coming through primary schools in the area.

"I am now looking forward to the tournament held at Easter."



CHAMPS: The Salway Ash team (back, left to right) Forrest Townsend, Finn Purchase, Max Purchase, Kieran Park. (front) Sam Shering, Nathan Rollett

SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

HOCKEY: The Weymouth Hockey Club star has just helped England over 55s lift the International Masters Trophy in Hong Kong. They secured the silverware with an extra time victory over old rivals Australia in the final.

Metcalfe and his team mates began the tournament in style with a 4-1 success over hosts, Hong Kong with the Seaside then finding the target as England beat Korea in their next encounter.

They then draw 1-1 with the Aussies before seeing off Hong Kong in the semi-finals 3-0.

The final was a nail-biter with the sides deadlocked

at 1-1 come the final whistle. That saw the match go into overtime with England grabbing the all-important golden goal.

Metcalfe said: "It was a great privilege to play for my country and to win the tournament was fantastic. "It was a brilliant occasion and I'd like to thank Weymouth Hockey Club for their sponsorship towards me going to Hong Kong."

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: Great Britain setter Jo Morgan has joined Dorset side, Wessex.

The Scottish star joins British team-mate Vicky Palmer and GB beach volleyball regular, Denise

Johns, on the south coast.

Coach Ian Loke said Morgan's arrival was "great news" while the setter said she "was delighted" with the move.

EQUESTRIAN: Three Dorset girls have been selected for the South West Regional Foundation Equestrian squad.

Philly Roberts, Rosie Fry and Holly Neil are among the cream of young riders in the country.

The squad, funded by Sport England, will undergo intense specialist training in the three Olympic disciplines - dressage, show jumping and eventing.

LYME REGIS SKITTLES

RESULTS for week ending Friday, November 6th.

LADIES BOB SWEETLAND CUP ROUND ONE

Abandon Ship 353 Hot Gossips 333 (C.Rice 76), Rock A Byes 311 Oh So Georgious 335 (W.Sartin 61), Smashers 228 Rollercoasters 250 (H.Kitcher 48), Generations 350 Castaways 354 (M.Henley 75), Deano's Divas 302 La Creme 303 (A.Gillings 59).

MENS BOB SWEETLAND CUP

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Cowboys 325 Roadrunners 349 (S.Forsey 66).

MENS PALMER CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND

Clueless 329 Rousdon Rebels 330

MENS DIVISION ONE GEORGE NOMINATION CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND

Flyers 156 Alleytwits 183 (A.Rattenbury 46).

LYME REGIS CRIBBAGE LEAGUE

RESULTS: New Inn Kilminster 3 Rocky II 2, Axminster Cons 3 Royal Flunkies 2, Axe Vale Club 3 Lamb Swans 2, Ship Inn Lyme Regis 2 Axe Valiants 3, Beer Club 4 Stepps 1, Nags Head Lyme Regis - bye.

Table P W L F Apts
Axe Vale 9 7 2 29 16 29
Nags Head LR 9 7 2 29 16 29
Axm Cons 9 7 2 27 18 27
Lamb Swans 9 6 3 27 18 27
Axe Valiants 9 5 4 24 21 24
Ship Inn LR 10 5 5 24 26 24
Beer Club 9 4 5 23 22 23
New Inn Kil 9 3 6 22 23 22

Royal Flunkies 9 2 7 17 28 17
Rocky II 9 2 7 15 30 15
Stepps 9 2 7 13 32 13

BEER LEAGUE: New Inn Kilminster 1 Rocky II 2, Axminster Cons 2 Royal Flunkies 1, Axe Vale Club 2 Lamb Swans 1, Ship Inn Lyme Regis 2 Axe Valiants 1, Beer Club 2 Stepps 1, Nags Head Lyme Regis - bye.

Beer League P W L F Apts
Ship LR 10 9 1 21 9 21
Lamb Swans 9 6 3 17 10 17
Royal Flunkies 9 5 4 12 15 15
Beer Club 9 5 4 14 13 14

Axe Vale Club 9 4 5 13 14 13
Axe Valiants 9 4 5 13 14 13
Nags Head LR 9 4 5 13 14 13
New Inn Kil 9 4 5 13 14 13
Axm Cons 9 3 6 10 17 10
Rocky II 9 2 7 8 19 8

● **Fixtures - Monday, November 23rd:** Semi-finals and Final of the Knock-Out Cup - To be played at Stepps, the draw takes place at 7.30pm.

Teams involved are: Axe Vale Club, Ship Inn Lyme Regis, Nags Head Lyme Regis and Lamb Swans.

Lyme Regis Pool League

Results, November 8th: Pots Nots 5 Kelly's Muppets 4, Old Cobbies 5 Hunters Munters 4, Beer Tricks Potters 5 Hat Tricks 4.

	Pld	W	L	Pts	Beer
OLD COBBIES	5	5	0	32	25
HAT TRICKS	5	3	2	29	19
POT NOTS	5	4	1	27	16
HUNTERS MUNTERS	5	2	3	22	12
KELLY'S MUPPETS	6	1	5	21	12
BEER TRICKS POTTERS	5	3	2	20	10
BROTHERHOODS	5	0	5	11	7

VITAL WIN LIFTS TERRAS

BISHOP'S STORTFORD 0 WEYMOUTH 1 Blue Square South - Attendance: 507

A DARK week in Weymouth's proud history ended on a high with a first Blue Square South away victory of the season.

Talk of administration and liquidation was shelved for 90 minutes as Ian Hutchinson's men did themselves and their supporters proud at Bishop's Stortford.

But in fairness, it wasn't a great surprise with the Terras having improved immensely over the past month.

Once the league's whipping boys - Weymouth were beaten 6-2 by their opponents at the View From Stadium back in August - Hutchinson has now instilled a new found belief in his players that defies the club's off-field struggles.

But what was remarkable about the win was that it came just days after the boss revealed that neither he nor his squad had been paid for the past six weeks.

Despite that, the Terras remain committed to the cause and turned in the sort of performance that is bound to impress any potential investors.

It was the hosts who started brightly on a soggy Woodside Park surface, although the swirling wind was to play havoc all afternoon, but the visitors weathered that early storm with some stout defending and some help from the woodwork.

And once they settled, Weymouth began to hold their own and took the lead on 17 minutes through Jake Reid.

Stortford keeper and skipper Nicky Eyre misjudged the conditions as he came out to punch clear when Terras striker Josh Llewellyn broke forward.

Llewellyn took the ball onto the byline and then rolled it across the face of the goal as Eyre struggled to get back and strike partner Reid had the easiest of tap-ins from virtually on the goal-line.

Stortford huffed and puffed for the remainder of the half but most of their forward efforts were either thwarted by the wind or dealt with in direct fashion by the visiting defence.

Again the hosts enjoyed the lion's share of possession in the second period but the weather held them back time and time again.

One player who failed to adapt to the conditions was the Blues' star striker Charlie Sheringham, who'd struck four of those goals in Dorset three months earlier.

Glen Southam wasted one decent chance on the hour for Bishop's and then Roy Essandoh was just inches wide with a flying header.

But there was to be no way through for the hosts and it was the Terras who held on to record a valuable success.

CHIPPENHAM TOWN FC LADIES 1 WEYMOUTH FC LADIES 3

IN their latest game in the South West Women's Football League Premier Division Weymouth FC Ladies visited Hardenhuish Park on Sunday in search of their fourth consecutive league victory.

Missing Lisa Youd and Amy Douch from the regular squad the Terras welcomed back long term injury victim Steph Ashton and one of last season's defensive lynchpins Carla Garth.

The opening exchanges with Weymouth playing up the slope proved to be very equal, but despite the Terras beginning to get the ascendancy and create chances the first half closed goalless.

On the hour mark Weymouth got the breakthrough they deserved when Georgia Rogers picked up the ball 25 yards from goal and her swerving shot deceived the Chippenham keeper. Ten minutes later she added a second when she lobbed the keeper from the same distance, this time with her left foot.

Sporadic Chippenham attacks were being handled easily by the Weymouth defence and it came as a total surprise when they pulled a goal back with 15 minutes remaining.

However Weymouth were not to be denied and they got the third and clinching goal after a clinical passing move saw Rosie Sharpe coolly finish at the far post.

Manger Tim Davis commented "I am delighted with the way the girls played and we thoroughly deserved our victory against a very well organised and physical Chippenham team. We are on a great run at the moment and are looking forward to our next match which is against the league leaders Larkhall at the Wessex stadium on Sunday November 29th."

Bridport Squash & Racketball

PURBECK 16pts BRIDPORT 6pts

BRIDPORT squash first team's latest match was always going to be a difficult encounter away to Purbeck and so it proved.

The omens looked good when Jol Maclean Wood took on Martin Elford, formerly of Canford. Even in the knock out Martin looked to be sweating profusely and after a tight first game in which Jol hung on to win by the closest of margins, the Bridport number 5 put the gloss on his performance by storming through the next two in double quick time. This was Jol's best performance of the season so far, taking the match 10-9, 9-0, 9-5.

The dapper and immaculately dressed skipper Mark Trafford was pitched against Andy Baczala for the second time in less than a month. It was Mark who scotched the idea of paying fines if any of the team lost a game 9-0, which was just as well as it was exactly the same opening score as his previous encounter with Baczala.

In the second game, the Bridport number 2 began to find his wings and fly around the court. However at 6-6 a couple of crucial mistakes ultimately proved costly. His 9-0, 9-6, 9-4 defeat proved very similar to his previous match with Andy.

At number 1, Mike Taylor had the pleasure of tackling Peter Baczala, probably the best number one in the league. This was always going to be a difficult task for Taylor, who was manoeuvred to all four corners of the court by the talented Purbeck player, and matters were not helped by him failing to get good starts in each game, trailing 4-0 in all three, before managing to get his game into groove. It was always an uphill battle however with Taylor going down 9-6, 9-2, 9-4.

The number 4 strings turned out to be the battle of the leisure centre managers. Nick Neale for Bridport and Terry Peterson for Purbeck. Portly Peterson held his own in the first game, but from there on Neale's speed around the court left his opponent floundering and leading 2-1 and match ball at 8-5 in the fourth looked to have the match won and another routine win. However, squash is a funny game and he tinned an easy backhand cross court volley to let his opponent in. From there on he switched off and found himself trailing 5-0 in the final game. Neale's quest to attack from then on proved the winning formula and he took the final game with relative ease, winning 5-9, 9-3, 9-7, 8-10, 9-6.

The hope that Simon Wood would crown the evening with a victory against Clive Churchill having filled the cavity at number three, proved a bridge too far.

In fairness, Clive played well above expectations and the Bridport player could not scale the heights against his polished opponent. Not the best of first games for Simon, who never injected his usual retrieving style.

A disappointed Simon reflected on what might have been in the third game having pulled back well. The gallery were just left numb. Perhaps he needs to visit the court more often in order to get in more practice, instead of just playing from match to match.

It is hoped that Bridport will get back on track in their next match, in the cup at home to Weymouth. A welcome relief from the rigours of the league.

Caroline's accuracy takes the trophy

SQUASH players enjoyed an afternoon of competition, fun and nostalgia at Bridport Leisure Centre last weekend when Bridport Squash Club held its annual Memorial Trophy competition. The competition, a handicap format, was open to all club members with all players having to use wooden rackets and playing nine matches in a round robin style contest.

The early front runners were Bill Hill and Nick Neale playing in high spirits, but both faded a little as the afternoon wore on, whilst Ed Mamanta put in a fine, determined performance showing good potential for the future.

With eight wins apiece, Andrew Magilivray and Caroline Hughes were joint leaders forcing a play-off, but it was Caroline's pin-point accuracy at placing the ball into the corners of the court that enabled her to overcome the powerplay of her opponent to take the trophy. Club coach Steve Brake said it was a great competition bringing together players of different standards and experience whilst also raising £100 for charity.



◆ WELL DONE: Chris Fox presents the trophy to winner Caroline Hughes watched by Andrew Magilivray.

WEYMOUTH SAILING

International award for academy

WEYMOUTH Hand Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) chief executive, John Tweed, has collected an acclaimed International Architecture Award on behalf of the facility.

The award ceremony formed part of the 21st IAKS Congress in conjunction with FSB - International Trade Fair for Amenity Areas, Sports and Pool Facilities in Cologne.

The International Association for Sports and Leisure Facilities (IAKS), the only organisation for sports facilities recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) announced that the WPNSA had been awarded the 'IPC/IAKS Distinction for Accessibility 2009'.

The successful awards programme has been running for 20 years and now includes the most important globally recognised architectural award for sport and leisure facilities. During 2009 these unique awards attracted entries from 14 different countries with 54 entries being received for the 'IPC/IAKS Distinction Award'.

The award is aimed at increasing the accessibility of all sports facilities and architectural projects in order to give opportunities to persons with disabilities to practise and view sport freely and without barriers.

Fully inclusive access to the venue was a huge influence in the development of the purpose built WPNSA facilities, with disabled access hoists on the pontoons providing the safest access to tidal waters for people with disabilities anywhere in the UK.

WPNSA won the distinguished award alongside other prestigious international sports venues including: the Beijing Olympic Stadium - China, La Molina Ski Resort - Spain, Moscow Region Speed Skating Center Kolomna, Kolomna - Russia and The National Tennis Centre, London - UK.

Mr Tweed said: "I am very honoured to have collected this prestigious award on behalf of that the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy and Faulkner Brown Architects.

"It is a delight that the Academy has been chosen to receive this architectural award recognised globally by the International Olympic Committee and International Paralympic Committee.

"We hold accessibility for persons with disabilities to our venue extremely highly as everyone who wishes to experience a water based sport should feel free to do so without barriers."

OLYMPICS 2012 BUILD-UP

Chiefs wary of weather

OLYMPIC chiefs are determined that they will not be beaten by the British weather.

They are aiming to minimise disruption to the 2012 Games by appointing a team of expert forecasters.

The Met Office will spend the next two years studying the "micro climate" of venues for 26 sports and advise organisers on timing.

During the Games they will provide minute-by-minute updates from a command centre in the

Olympic Park.

Their forecasts will be critical to sailing in Weymouth, rowing at Eton Dorney, tennis at Wimbledon and archery at Lord's - events that will be vulnerable to changing weather patterns.

Director of sport, Debbie Jevans, said: "The weather has a direct bearing on a number of sports where detailed forecasts will help us ensure the events will run smoothly."

DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE ROUND-UP Weather wreaks havoc

SCORES of footballers were left twiddling their thumbs due to the inclement weather over the weekend.

Games were postponed across the region with just one fixture surviving in the Dorset Premier League.

Waterlogging and high winds put paid to Portland United's clash with Wincanton Town at Grove Corner while it was a similar story at the View From Stadium where Weymouth reserves were due to take on Westland Sports.

And there was no luck either for Chickerell United whose trip to Holt United was called off as early as Friday afternoon.

The only game to survive the weather was at Blandford where a lot of hard work went into prepar-

ing the pitch.

The Royals slipped up against their visitors from Cobham Sports 3-1 and missed the chance to move into the top three. Brian Lever put the Sports one up in the 20th minute and when the same player made it 2-0 just before the break.

The third goal came on the hour through Derrent Blenman although Blandford did hit back to score a late consolation in the dying minutes.

This was the Sports fourth victory and it lifts them three places in the table to 11th while Blandford stay in seventh.

All other games were postponed due to waterlogged pitches.

Shipton Gorge table-tennis Tucknott steers Gorge to win

Shipton Gorge B 21 Colliton B 15

HAVING lost the same encounter last season Shipton knew that this match would be no easy ride and it needed all the skill and patience that Ron Tucknott and Jim Saunders could muster to keep their side in front.

The more aggressive style of an out of practice Gary Edwardes was less effective against opponents who defended cleverly and only two points came Gary's way. However Tucknott collected a full

nine points and Saunders seven before combining to take the doubles 3-1.

Skipper Colin Davis, currently confined to hospital will have been cheered by his team's efforts.

League tables can be found on tabletennisuk.info under Counties following Dorset then Weymouth.

Civil Service B 10 Shipton Gorge A 27

IN Richard Trim's absence Eddy

Buck managed a useful six points for the visitors but it was the skill and experience of his team mates Gil Roberts and Chris Glover, with maximums of nine points, which overcame an enthusiastic home side.

With three matches taking place simultaneously at the Wyke Regis Centre concentration was an important factor, but the more experienced side were not distracted and maintained control of the match with Glover and Roberts finishing in fine style with a 3-0 win in the doubles.

WEST DORSET FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

with **STUART BROOM**

O'BRIEN FUMES AT DISMAL DISPLAY

DORCHESTER TOWN 1 EASTLEIGH 2
Blue Square South - Attendance: 419
MANAGER Roy O'Brien was left seething at his side's dismal display, describing them as "Jekyll and Hyde" after they surrendered an early lead at the Jewson Stadium last Tuesday.

Having earned the county town their second successive away win with a battling display at Havant & Waterlooville just three days earlier, the same players produced an inept performance that left the home fans bewildered.

The Magpies got off to a flying start by taking the lead in the fifth minute when Andre McCollins floated a diagonal pass just over Aaron Cooke's head for Ryan Moss. The striker strode forward purposefully before beating Steve Arnold with a powerful drive from an acute angle that dipped over the keeper's head and into the far corner of the net.

Eastleigh responded almost immediately and former Magpie Jamie Brown had Regan Coward producing the first of a string of saves that kept Dorchester in the game when he had to be sharp to get down to his right to stop Brown's shot after he was put in.

Dorchester started to lose their way in the fog that had descended on the Jewson Stadium and Eastleigh started to take control. Anthony Riviere's volley was deflected for a corner before they had a great chance to level the scores from the penalty spot following Ashley Vickers rash challenge from behind.

However Coward produced another superb spot kick save, his third in four this season, by diving low to his left to keep out Brett Poate's effort.

They survived another scare on 27 minutes when Tony Taggart's vicious shot took a deflection before hitting Gary Bowles on the chest close to goal.

Dorchester's attacks were spasmodic but Moss had a great chance to double their lead on the half hour when he was put clear by Ian Selley's through pass but he shot straight at Arnold.

The visitors continued to put the Magpies under pressure and a minute from the break they go their reward when Peter Adeniyi hooked the ball home from 10 yards after a corner wasn't cleared properly.

Only Coward prevented them scoring again moments later when he sprang to his left to push Browne's powerful header over the angle of the goal frame.

Despite the fog lifting during the break, it did not help Dorchester's shooting. Phil Walsh got on the end of Selley's flighted free-kick but couldn't direct it wide of Arnold before Moss had two great chances within a minute to restore the Magpie's lead. First good interpassing between the striker and sub Matt Groves again left Moss in the clear but he shot straight at Arnold and he did the same after muscling his way past a defender.

Eastleigh restored control in the last 20 minutes and Riviere was unlucky when his low drive this time beat Coward but struck the outside of the post. However they got the goal they deserved with 10 minutes left when Coward could do nothing when Richard Gillespie's superb anticipation and run met sub Jamie Taylor's cross to bullet a header home from eight yards.

Dorchester almost snatched a draw when Selley hit a thunderous 35-yard piledriver with just minutes remaining but unfortunately Arnold was well placed to hold it.

Prior to kick-off there was a minute's silence in memory of Dorchester-based soldier Philip Allen, who died on Saturday while serving in Afghanistan.

Groves grabs Magpies a point

DORCHESTER TOWN 1 WORCESTER CITY 1
MATT Groves' equaliser gave manager Roy O'Brien a positive to take from Saturday's match following his sides abysmal performance midweek against Eastleigh.

O'Brien had referred to his side as a Jekyll and Hyde outfit after they surrendered the lead against Eastleigh and was looking for his players to produce a better showing against fellow strugglers Worcester City.

Unfortunately the gale force wind put paid to his players showing too much of their skills but they did show a fighting spirit to battle back after going behind.

The game was always going to be littered with errors but by and large the players coped well with the swirling elements and provided an entertaining contest, particularly in the second-half once the wind had dropped.

The first-half was, not surprisingly, an untidy spectacle but both teams fashioned chances to have taken the lead.

Worcester City's Jake Meredith, making his debut in goal almost handed the Magpies an opportunity on 20 minutes when he rushed from goal to clear but missed the ball but fortunately his defenders ensured the lurking Ryan Moss could not capitalise.

Gary Walker then came to Worcester's rescue twice within a minute, first hacking Groves hooked shot clear before clearing Ian Selley's corner kick that had taken a deflection off the line.

Moments later the midfielder turned up at the other end to listen Wayne Daniel's cross off after Marco Adaggio had broken downfield but was ruled offside.

Groves had Meredith diving to his left to push away his 20-yard curling shot right at the start of the second-half, but it was Worcester who took the lead on 54 minutes when Matt Dinsmore cut the ball back to Craig Wilding on the edge of the area and he fired a firm strike beyond Regan Coward into the bottom corner.

O'Brien replaced one Yeovil loanee Louis Lavers with another Andre McCollin on 68 minutes and within a minute Dorchester were level.

The former Fisher Athletic player caused havoc down the left and, after dribbling his way into the box, supplied the pass for Groves to side-foot past a static Meredith at the near post.

Suddenly it was the Magpies who sensed victory but they were stopped in their tracks by a flurry of bookings on either side, and the visitors might have snatched victory at the death when Adaggio rattled the woodwork with a scorching strike in the final seconds.

BRIDPORT U10s 18 WEYMOUTH COUGARS 0

BUT for the brilliance of the visitor's keeper the scoreline would have been much more as Bridport finally found their shooting boots.

With the whole Bridport team playing their best football of the season Weymouth did not really stand a

chance and home keeper Jordan Scadding was no more than a spectator.

However Jamie Herbert and Callum Middleton deserve special mention with the latter scoring the goal of the game with a solo run through the visitors defence before slotting home.

BRIDPORT LEISURE CENTRE
5-A-SIDE LEAGUE: WEEK THREE

WEEK Three turned out to be a tight affair with just 38 goals being scored compared to the 73 scored in week One.

The first game of the night saw Mutz Nutz and BBC United share the spoils with a 3-3 draw. Next was Castle United beating This is Football 8-3.

Audacious started with just four players and went a goal behind to 2 Stripe Athletic before fighting back to win 6v-1. The game billed as the 'brawl in the hall' between Samba Boys and Pineapple Athletic finished honours even at 4-4.

The final game of the evening saw Bayern Neverlusen defeat Craggy Island 5-1.

Sunday's fixtures:

6.10 Craggy Island v Samba Boys
6.30 This is Football v Audacious
6.55 Pineapple Utd v Mutz Nutz
7.20 Bayern Neverlusen v Castle United
7.45 BBC United v 2 Stripe Athletic

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Prize	£
Audacious	3	3	0	0	24	5	19	9	500	
Samba Boys	3	2	1	0	31	11	20	7	250	
Bayer Neverlusen	3	2	1	0	14	7	7	7	150	
Castle United	3	2	0	1	25	13	12	6	100	
Pineapple United.....	3	1	2	0	13	10	3	5	75	
Mutz Nutz.....	3	1	1	1	15	21	-6	4	65	
Craggy Island.....	3	1	0	2	8	19	-11	3	55	
BBC United.....	3	0	1	2	11	22	-11	1	45	
This is Football.....	3	0	0	3	12	22	-10	0	35	
2 Stripe Athletic.....	3	0	0	3	5	28	-23	0	25	

FA YOUTH FOOTBALL: SUSSEX 4 DORSET 1

DORSET's interested in the FA County Youth Cup was ended by a lively Sussex side at Lancing in their second round match.

The hosts opened the scoring on 30 minutes through Elliot Romain and a penalty conversion by Matt Whitehead made it 2-0 just before the break.

The visitors battled hard during the second period but they finally surrendered in 84th minute when Romain added a third for Sussex from close range.

Romain went on to complete his hat-trick before West Moors' Nathan Saxby headed a consolation effort for Dorset in injury-time.

with **Keith Jenkin**

RUGBY ROUND-UP

HAVING watched England disappoint rather against Australia last weekend, I really should have watched a local rugby game on Saturday last. Old loyalties proved too strong however and I journeyed to Sandy Park to watch Exeter play the Cornish Pirates.

In the event though, there were one or two who were also absent from the local rugby scene. The HONITON first side were without a fixture in the Devon League North and East section. Their Colts side too had the weekend off.

In Somerset, the Chard third side were able to do their Christmas shopping early, while over in Dorset & Wilts League Division Three (South), the Weymouth second side were likewise involved.

In fact, a weekend that was already a little sparse as far as local rugby was concerned, was made even more so after the weather had taken a hand.

Understandably after wet Friday, SIDMOUTH'S game against visitors, BRIXHAM that was due to take place at the Blackmoor, together with WEYMOUTH'S home encounter against WARMINSTER, fell victim to the weather.

CHARD'S Somerset Premier league game at the Denning Field against OLD SULAINS and the outing of CHARD 2nd at SOMERTON, were both called off owing to the respective grounds being deemed unfit for play.

Honiton seconds game at Withercombe also did not go ahead.

BLANDFORD 3pts BRIDPORT 13pts

The Bridport club is, overall, stronger in depth than it has been in recent years and it coped with some seven team changes in beating an improving home side after a game in which the weather played a massive role. A strong wind was blowing down the ground and Bridport had it at their backs in the first period.

Strangely, all the scoring came before the contest was half an hour old. The visitors, having taken the lead with an early penalty goal kicked by Wesley Lewis, followed it with a try after 15 minutes' play when winger Mike Pibworth got over in the corner after some good work by his number eight and scrum half on the narrow side after a set scrummage some thirty yards out.

His effort took Bridport's lead to 8-0 and they increased it

some ten minutes later. They turned over possession at a lineout and, after a couple of "pick and drives", back row man Jack Edwards found himself in space and galloped over from twenty metres out.

This try too remained unconverted and, just before the break, Blandford, on one of their rare excursions into Bridport's territory, kicked a penalty goal to reduce the arrears.

The score remained at 3-13 at the interval and left the Bridport camp wondering if their ten point lead was going to be sufficient, for the home side would have the elements in their favour throughout the second half.

Bridport will, with hindsight, feel that it was their defence in the second-half that really won them this one. More than threequarters of the second half action took place in their territory but their defence held out. Their discipline too stood the test, something that it has not always done. Blandford could not make inroads into the lead and Bridport emerged worthy winners in the end.

BRIDPORT 2nd 44pts SOUTH WILTS 10pts

THE home side faced the very considerable wind in the first half and, after a couple of abortive attempts at kicking, wisely decided that running with the ball in hand was a much better option. The play paid early dividends.

Winger Alistair Hill got over after the ball had been sent along the home line. Tom Swatridge, playing on the other wing, converted this one but could not manage to add the extras to a try that he touched down himself scant minutes later.

South Wilts., whose strength was in their pack, came back with a penalty goal before the game was twenty minutes old but the home side responded in short order when scrum half Harry Ewert broke from the base of a ruck and scored himself. Swatridge again kicked the conversion and Bridport were well clear at 19-3 ahead.

The visitors settled on the tactic of trying to starve the home backs of possession and it worked to a degree for they got themselves back into the contest with a converted try, scored from close range on the half hour. It was Bridport who had the final say of the half however, with centre Nick Hill getting over to take the score to 24-10 at the break.

The home side rang the changes at the halfway stage and increased their lead via a Swatridge penalty early in the sec-

ond-half.

The visitors continued to try to keep the game tight but could not do so completely and lock James Livingstone galloped over just before the hour and his unconverted try took the score to 32-10.

Bridport continued to play expansively and they stretched away through Hill's second try of the game, converted by Swatridge just after the hour. Tom Swatridge was enjoying a pretty good day and he completed it by scoring in the corner in the last five minutes to take his side to a most comfortable win.

DORCHESTER 66pts DEVIZES 3pts

IT was important that the Dorchester side put last week's reversal behind them, and they certainly did just that. Playing into what was a very strong wind in the first period, they eschewed their kicking game and ran at Devizes, ball in hand, and spinning it wide as often as possible.

They opened their account with an unconverted try, scored in the corner by left winger, Tom Gower and moved further ahead soon after when his colleague on the right, James baker, added a second, converted this time by Jones. In spite of having the advantage of the wind, the visitors rarely encroached into home territory but did manage a penalty goal before the break.

They had their share of misfortune too, losing their hooker with a broken ankle before the break. Nevertheless, with the scoreline reading 12-3 in their favour, and with the elements at their backs in the second-half, Dorchester would certainly be confident of the outcome at the halfway stage.

So it proved. The floodgates opened in the second period as the home side crossed the whitewash eight times. Tom Gower added two more tries to his first half touchdown. Backs Matt Read, Lee Harvey, Adam Jones and Dave Gower all got over the visitors' line and, not to be outdone, forwards King and Chalker touched down as home pressure told.

Conditions would not have been ideal for place kicking and Jones would have been very satisfied with his seven second half conversion that completed the scoring and took Dorchester over the horizon well before the final whistle.

The side has a week off this week; bet there are one or two stiff challenges just around the corner



NO CHANCE | Dorchester keeper Regan Coward can do nothing to prevent Richard Gillespie's winning header
Photo by IDRIS MARTIN.

WEST DORSET SPORT ROUND-UP

with Stuart Broom and Paul Baker

HORSE RACING ROUND-UP

THE SAWYER IMPRESSES FRANCOME

THE SAWYER earned high praise from former seven times champion national hunt jockey John Francome who claimed he would "come out of retirement to ride that horse" despite finishing second at Cheltenham last Friday.

The nine-year-old was having a warm-up race prior to racing next weekend either at Haydock in the Belfair Chase or the Becher Handicap Chase at Aintree as a possible stepping stone to the John Smith Grand National next April.

Although beaten into second place in the Irish Times Amateur Riders' Handicap Chase by Razor Royale, he jumped superbly throughout the race, prompting the comment from Francome now an award winning pundit on Channel 4's Racing programme.

Trainer Bob Buckler added: It was an amazingly good run. He jumped superbly from fence to fence and never put a foot wrong and Mark Wall gave him a lovely ride."

Unfortunately Dream Champion who was disputing the lead with the first two fell two out forcing Wall to take evasive action resulting in him losing his stirrups. By the time he recovered Nigel Twiston-Davis's horse had stolen a march on him.

"Doesn't he deserve to win a race," said Buckler after **Cliffe Hanger** was beaten a neck at Exeter. "That's the third time in a month he has finished in the frame without winning."

"The handicapper keeps raising his weight; he as been put up 20lb since he finished second at Kempton 18 months ago but has still continued to improve; but he continues to put in very consistent performances."

With winner The Great Alfie they were 25 lengths clear of the third horse which will proba-

bly mean another penalty.

His only two wins came as a five year old but after losing confidence after a fall over fences, Buckler reverted him back to hurdling. Having put in a number of good performances, Buckler will now start schooling him back over fences to try and regain his confidence.

"He's not the bravest horse but has great potential."

MITCHELL STILL PINCHING HIMSELF

NICK Mitchell still cannot quite believe he notched up a big-race double two Saturday's ago.

The Listener's all-the-way win the JNwine.com Champion Chase at Down Royal and Ellerslie George's success in the Badger Ales Trophy at Wincanton gave the Piddletrenthide trainer a day to remember.

He said: "It was unbelievable. Even the morning after it was not quite registering. Guy Henderson, the owner of Ellerslie George, rang up and asked if it did actually happen and I said it did as it was in the newspapers."

Mitchell reports his two stable stars to be in top form following their well-documented exploits.

"The Listener looks really good. Those conditions are the key to him. I don't know another horse that can handle horrible ground like he does and his jumping was impeccable."

"It will be the plan to go back for the John Durkan at Punchestown next month. He's won it before and he nearly won it again last year. It will be a hotter race by the look of it. He's a Grade 1 chaser so he'll keep going in those races."

In contrast, **Ellerslie George** may well be given a holiday after his victory in the hands of the owner's son, 7lb-claiming amateur Robbie Hen-

derson.

"He too is as bright as a button. I was proud of Robbie. He carried out my instructions to a tee and slightly stole it a bit," Mitchell went on.

"The plan was to use his jumping and the fact he had the lightest weight in the end. We wanted to make that tell."

"We'll see what the handicapper does to him, but we might give him a little break now. I've got to talk to the owner but there's a possibility of bringing him back early spring. He does like decent ground."

Tizzard looking for handicappers help

COLIN Tizzard is hoping the handicapper will show some mercy and drop Joe Lively a few pounds following his comeback run at Down Royal.

The Dorset trainer feels his smart staying chaser is hard to place and would like to see a drop in his rating of 165.

Joe Lively won the Letheby & Christopher Chase at Cheltenham in January but then injured a tendon at Kempton in February. He was having his first race since when fifth to The Listener in the JNwine.com Champion Chase.

"He just needed the run a bit - we thought he might," said Sherborne-based Tizzard. "He's good enough to run in those races and will pick up a lot for that. He got fat during the summer."

"It will be interesting to see if the handicapper drops him a bit. He's on a mark of 165. It's terrible; I don't know where we'll go with him."

"He's in the Hennessy, but horses off that mark don't run in a handicap other than Denman. I don't know where he'll go next, but I'll try to find somewhere for him next month."

BRIDPORT CLUSTER SCHOOLS

Real cross country conditions!

GALE force winds and sweeping rain did not deter young athletes from competing in the Bridport Cluster Schools cross country race around Colmers Hill, Symonds-bury last Saturday.

Girls and boys from the local primary schools looked excited at the prospect of competing in the ninth annual race around one of the county's best known land-

marks.

Eva Bowring from Lodders Primary School was the first girl home in a time of 9 minutes 31 seconds. She won by 150 metres from Oshan Vowles from Burton Bradstock Primary School with Mia Luck from Powerstock Primary School a close third.

Symonds-bury Primary School won the team shield.

James Millar from Lodders school won the boys race in a time of 7

minutes 49 seconds beating James Noonan from Burton Bradstock into second place with schoolmate Charlie Parkman third.

Lodders won the boys team shield with what might be the lowest score ever of 17 points having also bagged fifth and eighth places.

Race organiser Richard Tuck said: "It was a fantastic effort from everyone considering the conditions. It is the first time in nine years that we have not had sunny

weather, but they all coped with it very well. I think they relished the chance to run in what is cross country conditions at its worst, and were smiling at the end as well as the beginning!



THEY'RE OFF | The start of the boys race.



WINNER | Eva Bowring battles into the gale force wind as she wins the girls race

"We had to clear some branches and debris from the one mile course beforehand, but everyone completed the race which is a testament to them all."

BRIDPORT SUPERLEAGUE DARTS

Win still eludes Bridport

BRIDPORT Superleague hosted high flying Blandford but unfortunately there were no fireworks from the home team as the men crashed to a 3-9 defeat and the ladies went down 4-5.

The men's night started well with Colin Paul-Sellick and Graham Knight winning the opening pairs but Blandford took the next three to set the tone for the evening.

With an uphill battle ahead Paul-Sellick won 3-1, hitting seven tens and picking up the Eale Autos Man of the Match award with a 21.69 average, to put the men back in it.

Unfortunately it was a bad

night for Bridport as Graham Knight, an unlucky Dan Morley, Nigel Druce, Joe Carter, Mike Long and Ginge Collins all perished leaving Mark Munro as the only other singles winner. He won 3-2 hitting a 180 and 7 ton plus scores.

Bridport men now travel to Boscombe still looking for their first win. The team is: Knight, Munro, Collins, Morley, Carter, Ben Grainger, Spanner Adams and Colin Paul-Sellick. Sub Mike Long.

The Ladies team went 1-2 down after the pairs, Jo Knight and Ali Citreon-Symes picking up the point, but Janet Collins

put the team's level picking up the Edward Sports Lady of the Match in the process with a cracking 3-1 win. Fortunes fluctuated as Janine Paul-Sellick lost 0-3 before Jo Knight levelled it again with a 3-0 win.

Unfortunately Ali Citreon-Symes and Elaine Ingram both lost 0-3 meaning Helen Long's 3-2 win was in vain.

The ladies team for Boscombe is still to be decided but will consist of six from: Long, Ingram, Knight, Paul-Sellick, Collins, Liz Vowles and Sonja Cook.

Bus leaves Axminster at 5.15, Chideock 5.30 and Bridport 5.45.

DORCHESTER BOXING CLUB

COONEY STEPS UP

Up and coming boxer Luke Cooney has been offered the opportunity to enhance his career with a fight against Cian Hayes from Nottingham.

Despite the Dorchester Boxing Club prospect losing a warm up bout against City of Guildford's George Cawt at Lymington recently, head coach Ben Geyser thinks he is ready to step up.

He said: "Luke is maturing and ready for this big step up. We realise he will be entering unknown territory, but he has been training hard for this super bout."

Hayes boasts a 25 bout career and if the fight takes place it will be at a venue midway between the two clubs.

Both Cooney and Cawt countered strongly in their bout, but when Cooney stepped up the temp he caught Cawt with a series of punches to the head before finishing the round by landing the perfect hook to his opponents chin.

However Cawt breezed through the second round

after landing a punch of Cooney's nose, and although the Dorchester boxer fought his way back into the contest, he retired himself at the end of the round from a recurring old nose injury.

Cooney's corner man Jamie and Geyser thought that their boxer stayed cool and calm under pressure and could have won the fight which was one of the most exciting on the card.

BEAMINSTER HOCKEY

Battling Beaminster share the spoils

BEAMINSTER 1 SALISBURY 2nd 1

BEAMINSTER showed their battling qualities as they hung on for a draw in a very entertaining match against a Salisbury side that sprung to life at half-time.

Beaminster had the better of the first half and should have added to their second minute goal but some loose passing and sloppy play meant they had to hang on desperately in the second half after Salisbury equalised early in the second half.

Things started very brightly for the West Dorset club and they got off to a good start when Emma Davies steered the ball home after just two minutes.

Jackie Gape won the ball out wide right and cut inboard before slipping the ball into the path of Megan Tuck who on beating the onrushing keeper neatly moved it sideways to give Davies an easy opportunity.

Beaminster continued to dominate for the first 20 minutes without really troubling the visiting keeper too much, before Salisbury caused panic in the home defence, forcing two short corners and home stopper Rachel Andrews into action.

With Salisbury growing in stature, Beaminster seemed to lose their confidence and their sharp play of earlier waned into a series of misplaced passes and indecision.

Soon after the break Tuck almost increased the home sides lead when she cleverly flicked on a goalbound shot but the keeper was equal to her blocking her shot with her pads.

Salisbury, who were immediately below third placed Beaminster began to up the tempo driven on by their experienced midfielder and they equalised six minutes

into the second-half with a well worked goal excellently executed with a lifted shot from just inside the top of the D.

The game became nip and tuck for the next 15 minutes and Gape almost scored following a mazy dribble from the left byline but her shot hit the outside of the neat post.

Then Tuck drove just wide of the post after

good work by Sophia Brown, whilst at the other end Andrews made a great block when it looked like the visitors might snatch the points.

However Beaminster held on to share the spoils and can look forward to consolidating their position in the table. Gape once again had a good game in midfield backed up by Laura Clark whilst full-backs Brown and Ali White were very solid at the back and supported their forwards well.

Having played every side once they should have no fears, even unbeaten Weymouth only beat them by a lone goal.

GILLINGHAM 2nd 3 BEAMINSTER 2nd 0

FIELDING only ten players for this Kitson & Trotman Friendly League match, the majority in their early teens, Beaminster found themselves up against a strong Gillingham side.

During the run up to an early Gillingham goal, vice-captain Sophia Brown took a blow to the face from an opposing stick, but after treatment on the sideline, bravely returned to her vital key role in mid field. Beaminster went into the break only a goal down thanks to sterling defensive work notably from Beth Thomas and excellent goal keeping from Rachel Andrews.

In the second half, although dominating play, Gillingham did not have it all their own way. Lucy de Greeff and Lucy Timbrell connected well on the left and Beaminster were unlucky not to score when a goal bound ball was stopped on the line. Inevitably, with Gillingham able to bring on several substitutes, the player deficit took its toll, and Gillingham scored twice more.

However Beaminster put up a good fight, and the votes for player of the match reflected that, and despite the score line, this was a plucky all round performance.



BUSY | Laura Clark (right) pressurises the Salisbury defence watched by Jackie Gape (46) and Claire Mudford (26)



IN FIGHTING MOOD | Head coach Ben Geyser instructs Luke Cooney in training.

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ADMINISTRATION TO BE AVOIDED

by Paul Baker



CONSORTIUM LEADER | Chris Ryan

WEYMOUTH are set to avoid administration after accepting a takeover bid by a consortium led by Dorset-based financial advisor, Chris Ryan.

The Terras have been on the brink of collapse for weeks and last month invited interested parties to contact them with rescue proposals.

Bids were received from Ryan and former Cambridge United chairman, George Rolls.

Ryan, who is being supported by property developer Steve Beasant, wants to plough £150,000 into the club immediately to help avoid administration.

Its thought that Rolls was offering an injection of £50,000 – a figure that may have increased following a two-month settling in period.

A club statement said: "The board of Weymouth Football Club have agreed to pursue the offer made by Chris Ryan and Steve Beasant, subject to

certain conditions being met in order to safeguard the club's future.

"A deadline of one week, 12 noon on Monday, November 23, 2009, has been set for Mr Ryan and Mr Beasant to satisfy the conditions imposed.

"The board would like to thank both Mr Ryan's consortium and Mr George Rolls for their interest in Weymouth Football Club."

Despite having had his consortium's bid accepted, Ryan will now have to come to an arrangement with major creditor, Malcolm Curtis.

The former chairman is owed more than £220,000 by the club in loans and is believed to be against Ryan and Beasant's takeover proposals.

Curtis is also a director of Wessex Park Delivery LLP, the company that owns the land surrounding the View From Stadium and that is still proposing to build a new home for the Terras in the future.

Curtis today declined to comment on the latest developments saying: "There is nothing I want to

say publically at this stage."

Club director Paul Cocks has also voiced his concerns and has tendered his resignation from the board, and in a statement released just before the bid was accepted, Cocks said: "As currently the club's largest individual shareholder, and as a director whose resignation has not yet been accepted, I wish to comment further on the offer from Ryan and Beasant.

"They have offered to inject £150,000 in to the club in order to avoid administration.

"I have informed the board that, should they wish to accept that proposal, then I will not oppose it provided that it is dealt with through solicitors to ensure that the money is in fact received by the club."

View From Weymouth understands that Cocks' resignation has now been accepted and that he is no longer a director of the Terras.

The decision means that last night's league match at home to Woking, and Saturday's FA Trophy clash with local rivals Dorchester Town will take place.

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